

Master Gardeners of Bergen County Board of Directors Minutes for

March 25, 2014

Meeting was called to order by President Cooper at 5:30 pm

Present at the meeting: Joseph Cooper, Suzanne Danzig, Sally Ditton, Leslie Maltz, Fran Langendoen, Serpil Leveen, Barbara Johanson, Hank Annunziata, Donna Karpel, Janet Austin, Anna Franchello, Risa Marlen, Pat Fromm, John Walters, Lucy Malka, Tracey Fraser,

Previous Minutes:

February 25th minutes approved with no corrections.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as of February 26, 2014.....\$13,841.98
Balance as of March 25, 2014.....\$13,662.98

Presidents Report:

- We have two new members joining our organization from Sussex and Essex Counties, both are current Master Gardeners.
- National MG conference will be held at Rutgers as well recognizing 100 year anniversary. 100 year pins will be given out at the conference.

Motions:

- Joseph motioned to appoint Bob Cavagnet as chairperson of *Membership* as Cliff will be stepping down. The motion was 2nd by John Walters and unanimously approved.
- Joseph motioned to appoint Donna Karpel as chairperson of *Volunteer Records committee*, Fran Langendoen 2nd and unanimously approved.
- Joseph motioned to appoint Pat Libutti as chairperson of the *Publicity committee*, Sally Ditton 2nd and all were in favor with Pat Fromm abstaining.
- Joseph motioned to appoint Jean Friedman as chair of the *Finance Committee*, Leslie Maltz 2nd and it was unanimously approved.
- Joseph motioned to appoint Daphne Ayalon as editor chair of *Writers Bureau*, Leslie Maltz 2nd and approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Archives: Barbara researched and found the binning of an almost defunct organization. Barbara will document 30 years of the history of the Master Gardeners of Bergen County. An article will go into the newsletter in the next month or two and she will put together a binder of all past minutes and pertinent information. Joseph will present pins to all past presidents.

Community Outreach: Pat Fromm has announced that a subcommittee of Robyn Lowenthal and Laura Deflora has been formed to implement outreach requests immediately.

Garden Club: Lucy and Leslie have requested that only those garden clubs that have submitted all 5 pieces of required information be submitted and printed in the newsletter.

Hospitality: Dennis and Caroline Gretchen will handle the refreshments for the April Joint MG meeting with Passaic County. An additional \$50-100 has been approved for refreshments for that meeting.

Membership: Cliff will step down as chair of membership and replaced by Bob Cavagnet. Cliff has provided a personal and much appreciated touch to his position by always sending out a note to any requests for new MG membership cards.

Trips & Tours: Risa has announced the next trip on April 3rd is to Bucks Garden with a very good turnout. And the second trip is scheduled for May 7th to the Brooklyn Botanical Garden; they will join a public tour at 1:00.

Newsletter: Positive feedback on new format, incorporating links saves space however those without computers will have issues. Mid-month update should remain however, any information will be sent to Serpel (The Corresponding Secretary). Emails to Serpel should cc Leslie. Leslie indicated she had a very productive committee meeting.

Programs: Tracy is scheduling "hands-on" workshops for members only. This is an effort to retain membership and interest in program as well as get together in smaller groups and offer more in depth experiences. This will also offer additional opportunities for education hours. Sign-ups and fees for these workshops will be sent soon.

To date three workshops have been scheduled:

-May 20th "Container Gardening" by Deryl Buyers, 3 hours, \$25 fee for materials, maximum 25 spots, to take place at McFaul.

-"Plant Propagation" by Steve Kristof, 3 hours, to take place at McFaul in June.

-"Compost Tea" by Vivien (?), McFaul, 2hours.

Publicity: After 12years of service Sally Ditton will be stepping down as Publicity Chair to be replaced by Pat Libutti.

RMGANJ: Rutgers MG Association of NJ Master Gardeners of BC are responsible for the Presentation and Awards Ceremony this year as well as highlights of 100th Anniversary. Minutes of the meeting can be found on our website.

Site Coordinator Liaison - Joseph reported for Karen: Our first *Volunteer Site Coordinator* meeting took place on March 21st and it was very productive. Some of the topics discussed were to coordinate lectures/guest speakers at sites; schedule a Student Breakfast/Site Fair, Publicizing our work with signs, banners and pamphlets.

Sunshine: John Moorhead suffered another medical issue is recovering at Van Dyke in Ridgewood, Barbara is sending a card. Agnes is doing well. She lives in Westwood and doesn't drive so visitors and drivers are welcome to aide with shopping, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10