

Master Gardeners of Bergen County Board of Directors Minutes for March 24, 2015

Meeting was called to order by President Cooper at 5:35

Present at the meeting: Joseph Cooper, Suzanne Danzig, Leslie Maltz, Fran Langendoen, Donna Karpel, John Walters, Hank Annunziata, Pat Libutti, Serpil Leveen, Lucy Malka, Donna Faustini, Pat Fromm, Josie Ko

Previous Minutes:

February minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as of February 24, 2015.....	\$15,341.95
Income:	\$170.00
Expense:	\$920.19
Balance as of March 24, 2015.....	\$14,591.76

All outstanding checks are in.

President's Report: Rutgers Home Gardening School was very well attended. Our Rutgers annual report that was finished and emailed to Nick Polanin for review. Additional updates were made to our MG of BC website.

Corresponding Secretary:

Certain committees and outsiders are asking for additional correspondence and reminders. It is agreed that we cannot send anymore e-mails or reminders.

Outreach Events and Volunteers:

5 events are coming up:

April 19th Earth Day in Ridgewood; April 19th Paramus Earth Day; April 19th "Party for the Planet" at Van Saun Park 10-4; April 25th Old Tappan Earth Day at Stone Point Park; April 25th Overpeck "Earthfest". Seeking volunteers for all events.

Garden Club Liaison:

This is a very busy time for garden club meetings and trips.

Hospitality:

Joe Lamela is not able to host the MG picnic; we will be seeking another location. Van Saun is an option as well as park in Glen Rock. Hank will look into those sites.

Archivist:

Continue to seek replacement for this position.

Membership:

Sent back some duplicate checks. Joseph has proposed that there be a *Membership Designation*. How do we begin to phase this in to the organization? What are the categories and how do we define them? How do we incorporate this into the bylaws?

An Ad Hoc membership committee will consist of John Walters, Donna Karpel, Serpil Leveen and Suzanne Danzig. The committee will define the four categories and seek to be prepared for next years' membership renewal.

***Motion:** Leslie Maltz proposed that we carry forth 4 categories for the membership committee to define, Pat Fromm second the motion and unanimous approval.

Newsletter:

Largest newsletter so far this month, we are getting close to having too much information for the newsletter. We send out 9-10 hard copies of the newsletter the majority are electronic.

Publicity:

Suggesting we use people who have blogs and tag onto blogs. Facebook was suggested but it was a unanimous no to using Facebook. Referring back to doing a survey, exactly what questions would be asked on the survey.

RMGANJ:

John brought back the brochure from the National MG Conference hosted by Rutgers.

Sunshine:

Continue to seek chair for this committee and will offer it out at the general meeting.

Site Coordinator Liaison:

There is a big push for articles for the *Grape Vine*.

Tours and Trips:

Honey Hay Farm is scheduled for April 28th, there is a cut off so people must sign up. Josie has proposed a fundraiser event, "Tour of Master Gardener's Gardens". June is the proposed month and a committee will be assembled. Joseph would like for this to be an opportunity to reach out to new people as an opportunity to get involved.

Programs:

Donna Faustini introduced herself to the board and is catching up on Tracey's e-mails.

April: Ira Grassgreen "Annuals Rock"

May: Katie Widell from the New Jersey Meadowland Commission.

Volunteers Records:

Donna is just about complete with the recording of hours. To date 10,290 hours in total, that is 200 hours over last year's. There continue to be several members who have not sent in their hours.

New Business:

-For the upcoming MG conference we are looking for nominations for awards candidates. E-mails with recommendations are welcome.

-Joel has asked for a back-up computer & projector. The question as to who will manage the equipment including the audio equipment that we already own arises. MG can use this equipment for Speakers Bureau and programs. Discussion will continue at next month's meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10