

**Master Gardeners of Bergen County
Board of Directors Minutes for
February 23, 2016**

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

Present at the meeting: Joseph Cooper, Suzanne Danzig, Donna Karpel, Hank Annunziata, Donna Faustini, Janet Schulz, Noel Schulz, Serpil Leveen, John Walters, Bruce Walencyk, Joe Papa, Melody Corcoran, Karen Pennell

Presidents Report:

Joseph sent cards to Jane and to Serpil acting as Sunshine Committee.
Jane Furman would like to report on her health by way of the Potting Shed.
Theilke Arboretum financing was halted but will continue to move forward pursuing self-funding.
Pricing for computer equipment remains on target; 15” laptop, either Toshiba or IBM, Epson projector, carry case, serge protection along with software should come in around \$2048 at MicroCenter. Do we want the extended warranty? Might be a good idea with many others using the equipment.

Recording Secretary:

January minutes were approved.
**Motion to approve minutes made by Joe Papas and seconded by Serpil Leveen*

Treasurer’s Report:

Balance as of February 8, 2016.....	14,221.53
Income: Dues	\$165.00
Expenses:	\$50.00
Balance as of February 22, 2016.....	\$14,336.53

Bruce Walencyk reported that there was a significant discrepancy in what is in the MG account and what was reported in past Treasurer’s Reports. There is approximately \$3100 more than what has been reported. Fran did not provide Bruce with much in the way of banking statements and documentation. Bruce will review statements electronically.
Bruce has produced a reimbursement form for anyone seeking to be reimbursed for expenses. Nonprofit status is on hold until we get financial information from Fran. Bruce suggested another quicker way to obtain our exempt status, that we form a new foundation ie. MG of BC Foundation. We can apply the same board to the new foundation. Bruce will look into this further.

Corresponding Secretary:

Outreach Events and Volunteers:

Joseph has not heard from Pat Fromm regarding possible replacement. Joe Papa requested a description of the position so that he might do some recruiting in his class.

Garden Club Liaison:

Lucy not in attendance.

Class Liaison:

Noel asked about Community Gardens. There is a county community garden but not individual town.

Archivist:

Continue to seek replacement for this position.

Publicity:

Seeking a chair

Hospitality:

Nothing going on at this time.

Membership:

An additional 6 people have sent in dues. John Walters and Pat Milano as chair and co-chair reported that 136 paid members, down from 154 last year.

A list of MG members who are eligible to receive 5 year pins was submitted for classes '08,'09 and '10.

New membership cards and pins for the class of 2015 are ready for distribution. Should any member need a new Master Gardner Card please e-mail John Walters.

Newsletter:

Janet reported that 2 people are no on the new membership list questioned whether we should send out Joseph said yes.

Donna Karpel is responsible for membership list and Serpil is responsible for data list

RMGANJ:

Volunteer awards are coming up quickly so please submit recommendations for individuals and/or sites.

Karen, please send me an outline of your report, it would be helpful because you covered a lot of topics, thanks.

Site Coordinator Liaison:

Karen discussed the new sign-in sheets, can Donna Karpel access sign-in sheets from NJBG and other sites that already have sign-in sheets in place, we think yes

Tours and Trips:

Josie was not in attendance

Programs:

Donna Faustini has indicated that there are some issues with the County providing proper equipment to the assigned rooms for MG meetings. We did not have sound system for this meeting. Donna booked the room in County building for the MG Tea that Lucy and Susan Gurak are running on May 26th, it will be held in County room 3C.

April will be a joint meeting with Passaic MG, the speaker will is Amy Ziffer "Shady Lady"

Volunteers Records:

Donna Karpel reported that she has recorded 8100 volunteer hours without Carol Theilke's hours.

Speakers Bureau:

Arnie Friedman was not present.

New Business:

We did not have time to discuss the membership designations. Committee has to go back and compare new definitions to what is currently in the bylaws.

Old Business:

Meeting adjourned at 7:00