

**Master Gardeners of Bergen County
Board of Directors Minutes for
September 27, 2016**

Meeting was called to order by President Cooper at 6:00

Present at the meeting: Joseph Cooper, Suzanne Danzig, Hank Annunziata, Donna Faustini, Serpil Leveen, Lucy Malka, Denise George, Dail Reid, John Walters

Presidents Report:

Joseph introduced Dail Reid as our new 'Outreach' chairperson, and Karen will assist with the transition.

Karen is looking for 2 volunteers for the nominating committee. Lucy volunteered to be on the committee so they would like one additional non-board member to round off the group.

Donna Karpel was not present but is working on the member recognition pins, with a focused on an automatic process for the future.

Vice President:

Joe Papa not present.

Recording Secretary:

*Motion: Joseph Cooper made a motion to approve minutes for May 24, 2016 and Hank Annunziata seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Opening Balance as of May 24 2016.....	\$11,885.81
Income:	\$1,554.00
Expenses:	\$2,368.08
Balance as of August 31, 2016.....	\$11,071.21

Bruce was not present at meeting. We are looking for a Treasurer's Report with an opening balance based upon the previous month not the beginning of the fiscal year. The income and expenses should reflect each month, again not total running expenses.

Corresponding Secretary:

A new system is in the process of being implemented for contacting members.

Outreach Events and Volunteers:

Dail Reid will be in contact with Karen Pennell to restructure this organize this effort.

Garden Club Liaison:

Lucy has reported that we are losing contact information from previous Garden Clubs. Catie Farahat will be assisting with obtaining information for societies.

Class Liaison:

Joel should select the new class liaison and schedule a date for the 'New Student Breakfast'.

Archivist:

Publicity:

Denise George requested a logo for the Facebook page. Joseph has a logo for MGofBC and will forward it to Denise. Correspondence and e-mails are becoming somewhat overwhelming, Facebook should assist with MGofBC communications. Denise will filter all posts.

Hospitality:

MG picnic was once again well attended. Albina, once again, did a wonderful job with the centerpieces.

Membership:

Several membership cards from 2014-2015 have not been picked up. John was discouraged that members do not want their cards and that he will have to mail them in which case he might need some assistance. It was suggested we give out the cards and pins at graduation. Joseph will speak to Joel about distributing them this year at graduation. Donna Karpel has a master list of old and new members, John would like a copy of that list from at least 3 years ago. It would assist with cross checking.

Membership forms will be going out shortly and will remain the same format.

The PO Box will make the dues transition to Bruce much easier this year.

Newsletter:**RMGANJ:**

Meeting took place September 27. Working on Fall Conference tasks. Terry Zane will award 25 year pins to those who attend the conference. Nick Polanin reported there was a very successful 3-day program at County College of Morris for education of MGs regarding tree and climate change, abiotics and diagnosing tree diseases. The next Rutgers Department meeting will be on Oct 4. Emerald Ash Borer: there is no individual state recommendation for pesticide control, but there is a national one in place. This pdf document should be included in materials used for managing the helpline.

Certified Tree experts will now be licensed.

The International MG conference for 2017 will be held in Yellowstone in September.

The Great Tomato Tasting in August at Snyder's Farm was a great success with 1400 attendees.

No update on the Youth Protection program.

Rutgers 250 display ia available for use at local county fairs.

The department is working on draft position descriptions for upcoming vacancies for Ag Agent positions.

Site Coordinator Liaison:**Tours and Trips:**

The last trip to "Sleepy Cat Farm" was very good and well attended.

Programs:

George Aaronson will speak about the NJ Highlands tonight. October's meeting will be presented by Roman Oscada "Be Somebody-Grow Garlic". Novemeber's speaker is Bruce Crawford.

Volunteers Records:

No report

Speakers Bureau:

No report

Old Business:

John Walters is looking for stock to sell at the MG plant sale at the Fall Conference.
Bruce Walenczyk will discuss the implementation of credit cards at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00