

**Master Gardeners of Bergen County
Board of Directors Minutes for
May 23, 2017**

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

Present at the meeting: Joseph Cooper, Carolyn Gretchen, Bruce Walencyk, Donna Faustini, Denise George, Dennis Gretchen, Donna Karpel, Terri Pegg, Melody Corcoran, Hank Annunziata, Janet Schulz, Josie Ko, Karen Pennell, Donna Karpel, Suzanne Danzig, Dail Reid, Miriam Taub, Patrick Lull

Presidents Report:

The Presentation to the Board by Matt Frawley regarding the review of an "Online Volunteer Reporting System" had to be postponed until the next meeting in September. I would like the following committees to provide a wish list of functions they could use in an online system. Volunteer Reporting Committee, Membership Committee, Corresponding Secretary and Website Committee.

Our Master Gardener picnic is confirmed for June 13th 12PM at Van Saun park.

Joseph reported that Joe Papa mentioned that at one of the community events there were no experienced MGs in attendance, he suggests we be sure to always have at least one experienced MG present. Joe also asked if there was a job description of each committee posted somewhere...Joseph told Joe it was listed on the website. Joe Papa also asked about advertising and was told that this was Rutgers Cooperative Extensions' responsibility, however we still need to find a source for public service announcement to pitch our PR. Joseph will discuss this with Denise.

Donna Karpel will arrange another sale at Bill Kolvak's on June 7 from 10-12:30, located on de Salvo Ct., off Chestnut Ridge Rd in Chestnut Ridge. Checks or cash only.

Vice President:

Recording Secretary:

***Motion:** Terri Pegg motioned that the April minutes be approved subject to changes discussed: in Membership we change 'two' to 'one' student. Carolyn seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Corresponding Secretary:

Serpil not present.

Treasurer's Report:

There were no expenses this month.

Opening Balance as of March 31, 2017.....	\$11,705.30
Income:	\$1940.50
Expenses:	\$281.63
Balance as of April 30, 2017.....	\$13,364.17

***Motion:** Hank motioned to approve the treasurer's report, Josie seconded and all were in favor.

Community Outreach Events and Volunteers:

Dail reported that all Earth Day events had a great turn out. It was mentioned that there be at least one senior MG at all community outreach outings with the students.

***Motion:** Dennis requested a budget of \$250 for the Fall Fair, Joseph Cooper seconded and all were in favor.

Garden Club Liaison:

Nothing to report

Class Liaison:

Rose, student in current class, is in charge of tee shirts, send orders to Isabelle Fortune with your name and class year.

Speakers Bureau:**Publicity:****Hospitality:**

June 13 is MG Picnic at Van Saun Lake at 12:00

***Motion:** Karen motioned that we approve a budget of \$250 for the picnic, Suzanne seconded and all were in favor.

Membership:

One additional student paid and directions for payment are on the website.

Newsletter:

Janet asked if we put eulogies in the Pottingshed, this was regarding Walter's...Joseph said it was Janet's discretion. Also asked about summer newsletter...we have always had them in the past.

Website:

The website was updated with Donna Karpel's help. The directory is posted on the website. Question arose regarding badges being given to students before they are certified, some think it is good advertising, but agreed that they will be given out at graduation.

RMGANJ:**RMGANJ Report for May2017**

Pres. Report: Moment of silence for Pat Hudson from Morris county who passed away in April. She served as state rep for years and as Secretary. Exploring costs associated with having a tree giveaway at Fall Conference.

Nick's Report:

5/11 is the Department meeting.

6/21 is Diagnostics/ Helpline training day registration needed for this event. The training precedes the Gardens Jazz Festival--so make a day of it at Rutgers

8/30 is the great tomato Tasting volunteers can sign-up on signup.com. Volunteer help needed for August 28, 29, 30 and 31. Worker protection training (20 minutes) needed when working in the fields

Each county is responsible for setting up it's own social media policy/parameters

Conference Survey was sent to each Ag Agent for distribution to their MG's with live link and hard copy that day. MG of BC successfully distributed the survey to Bergen county per Joel Flagler's direction

Conference tasks ensued and *Treasure our Trees* was voted as the Conference title

Master Gardener Wear / Clothing:

Lands' End will put MG logo on any items from [landsend.com/business](https://business.landsend.com) There is a onetime set up cost, details on logos & customization: <https://business.landsend.com/logo-customization> They will also set up a URL for us at no charge to order their items directly. see Middlesex county's

page https://business.landsend.com/store/master_gardeners_of_middlesex/ The URL can be customized to include as many or few items that are offered. Class t-shirts are ordered through Isabel Fortoul.

Sunshine:

Expressed appreciation to Serpil for getting out the information on Walter Taub's passing to membership.

Site Coordinator Liaison:

Melony visited all sites and took pictures of signage at WSG to see if other sites were interested in such a sign; two additional sites would like one.

Hermitage will be celebrating WWI Centennial.

Tours and Trips:

40 people attended the Stone Barn Farm tour, excellent turnout.

There is a date change for Mt Kuba from September 28th to September 14th.

Programs:

Donna is working on getting Dr. Fisher for our November meeting and the 'Carnivor Guy' for sometime in the fall.

Old Business:

Matt Frawley will continue his presentation on the program that will help us record volunteer hours at our September meeting as his computer could not connect to our computer for presentation on screen. This program is one that all members can access and for those who do not have or use a computer, the volunteer coordinator will enter their hours based upon their paper reports to the coordinator. This program will generate e-mails as well as track memberships and generate reports.

New Business:

Meeting adjourned at 6:55