

Brunswick County Master Gardener Volunteer Association

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2016

Maryann Horgan called the meeting to order at 9:00am. In attendance were Sonia Smith, Maryann Horgan, Amanda Kiel, Vicki Fuhrmann, Tom Woods, Dotti Hunkele, and Anne Coleman.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

The October General Meeting will be held in the Administration Building. No snacks will be provided, and the speaker will be a representative of the Travel Agency promoting the 2018 river boat cruise to Holland and Belgium. The October plant swap is cancelled due to the change in venue

President Horgan reported a meeting was held between the extension staff and some members of the Association to discuss maintenance of the Botanical Garden.

BOARD ACCEPTANCE:

Minutes - The August 2016 Executive Board Meeting minutes submitted by **Anne Coleman** were accepted by the board.

Financial Report - In the absence of **Merry MacBarb**, a brief recap of the month's income and expenses was provided by **Maryann Horgan**.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Corresponding Secretary - **Dotti Hunkele** reported receipt of a 'thank you' note from Jenny Newton and sending a condolence note to **Kay Swenson**. Dotti also sent a 'thank you' note to last month's speaker, Eddie Fairbanks.

Plant Sale Committee - **Vicki Fuhrmann** announced the on-line sale had received \$19,541 in plant sale orders through its close earlier in the week. She commended **Amanda Kiel** for her superior customer service efforts throughout the sale. Vicki stated she will need more volunteers to help unload the Hughes and Hughes delivery on 9/26 in addition to pick-up assistance 9/29 in the afternoon and 10/1 in the morning.

Botanical Garden Committee - President Horgan announced **Dotti Hunkele** and **Pat Sams** have begun plans for a Children's Garden focusing on seasonal sessions and safety. Planning for a Japanese Garden will follow today's Board Meeting. Maryann stated these new gardens will follow the protocol established by the successful Edible Garden.

Speakers & Library - **Sonia Smith** reported Craig Connelly from The Hive in Southport will be this month's speaker at the General Meeting. The speaker for the November meeting will Tom Ericson from the Transplanted Garden in Wilmington. For the January meeting Sonia has arranged for Kent Smith of the NC DOT to speak on invasive plants and answer questions about the highway plantings seen along the interstates.

Vicki Furmann announced she has resigned her position on the Speakers and Library Committee. **Pat Sams** has agreed to replace her.

EXTENSION COORDINATORS REPORTS AND UPDATES:

Tom Woods reported **Dominique Loewenstein** has arranged for the Association to host a table at 'Sunset at Sunset' on October 1. He stated the 5 'Day in the Yard' classes are progressing but may cancel one that has only 2 paid participants. He submitted a letter from 'Life on the Farm' requesting volunteers in October.

NEW BUSINESS:

At least 29 people are expected at the September 23 visit from the Osher Life Long Learning Institute (OLLI). More volunteers are needed and will be requested at the general meeting.

President Horgan announced the invitations for the October 7 House Calls Garden Party have been sent. Entertainment will include a harpist and 'plein air' painting. Some of the demonstration tables used at prior visits will be staged in the lawn areas. A suggestion was made to have a 'before and after' display highlighting some of the successful House Calls visits as well as providing garden related party favors.

Tom Woods recommended having one of the artists compose a picture the Association could use on its correspondence notecards. Master Gardeners will be stationed around the garden to answer questions and describe work undertaken.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10am.

Submitted by Anne Coleman
Recording Secretary