

Brunswick County Master Gardener Volunteer Association

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2017

President, **Jeanne Pavero**, called the meeting to order at 9am. In attendance were Dotti Hunkele, Vicki Fuhrmann, Kay Swenson, Amanda Kiel, Merry MacBarb, Hank Rapp, Jeanne Pavero, Lynn Eriquez, Mary Dixon, Sam Marshall, and Anne Coleman.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

President Pavero welcomed the board and shared a Valentine/Thank You note received from one of the Brunswick Community College scholarship recipients.

BOARD ACCEPTANCE:

Minutes - The January 2017 Executive Board Meeting minutes submitted by **Anne Coleman** were accepted by the board.

Financial Report – **Hank Rapp** submitted the January Treasurer's report. Income during the month included a donation from Becky's Bulbs, membership dues and 'Day in the Yard' class fees. Expenses incurred were expenditures for roses, a mail box, plant sale material and publication costs. The ending balance at January 31, 2017 was \$40,015.40. The report was accepted by the board.

Hank reported he investigated interest bearing vehicles for the association's excess funds. Due to minimal bank rates offered he determined the funds will remain as they are.

OLD BUSINESS;

President Pavero announced the new policy for travel trip advertisements. The association's policy will allow publication or marketing to the association only after having been first presented to and voted by the Executive Board. The board will vote in private.

Jeanne reminded all of the Seed Swap at the next general meeting.

Mary Dixon is revising and updating many of the Master Gardener publications.

Sam Marshall stated of the 22 applications received for Botanical Garden Curator, he has narrowed the potential candidate list to four.

Sam will follow up with the 4-H department for clarity on the duties of the requested JMG mentor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Corresponding Secretary – **Dotti Hunkele** sent a letter of condolence to the Chase family and a thank you note to Derek Smith, last month's general meeting speaker.

Membership Committee – **Kay Swenson** reported there are 45 paid members in the association year to date. An announcement at the general meeting and notation in the Weekly Weeder will be made alerting members of the March 30 deadline for dues payment.

Plant Sale Committee- **Vicki Fuhrmann** reviewed the pot and soil protocol noting an additional tally sheet will be available for when large groups are working together.

Volunteers will be requested at the general meeting to man a watering schedule. **Sam Marshall** will email the propagation class for participation, and **Mary Dixon** stated the ELDG team will continue to water until the schedule can be set.

Botanical Garden Committee – President Pavero reported **Maryann Horgan** provided her with the minutes from the February committee meeting. She stated Maryann was pleased with the large turn-out for the meeting. A mail box was installed by **Deborah and Bill Duffy** in the garden to house informational brochures. **Paul Soltero** is working on a map to include in the mailbox. No response was received for the request to borrow a drone to assist in the mapping process. **Amanda Kiel** recommended the association offer a plant sale gift certificate of \$50 to a drone owner she has worked with previously.

Field Trips – **Merry MacBarb** announced there is limited room remaining for the Green Swamp Tour led by **Sam Marshall** on March 28. A summer Daylily Farm trip and a fall Mum Festival trip are being organized.

EXTENSION COORDINATORS' REPORTS AND UPDATES:

Sam Marshall reported a good turnout for the Propagation Class. Any Master Gardeners working to improve landscaping at satellite locations such as Hickmans Crossroads or the Leland Library are welcome to use plants from his section on the plant pad. He announced there will be seasonal gardening classes taught at the Shallotte Community Garden. Mary Dixon will assist.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Pavero announced **Cathy Matheson** has requested plant donations for the Sunny Perennial Border Garden.

Merry MacBarb presented information about the Big Blooming Orchids event in Wilmington on March 25. **Sam Marshall** approved 2 hours of educational credit for attendance.

George Wong Chong submitted a request for the association to partially sponsor 3 high school students at the 4-H camp this summer. Establishment of conditional parameters as well as additional background on the students is required before the board will agree to the support.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00am.

Submitted by Anne Coleman
Recording Secretary