

Brunswick County Master Gardener Volunteer Association

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2016

Maryann Horgan called the meeting to order at 9:00am. In attendance were Merry MacBarb, Jenny Newton, Shirley Waggoner-Eisenman, Maryann Horgan, Amanda Kiel, Sonia Smith and Anne Coleman.

BOARD ACCEPTANCE

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

Financial Report - **Merry MacBarb** reported the plant sales have netted the association approximately \$13,000. The only outstanding expense not shown on the May Treasurer's Report was a \$200 merchant bank fee for credit cards. It was noted the high income for the Plant Non Taxable category. Slightly less than half of the plant sale income was derived from plants propagated by the members.

Treasurer MacBarb requested whoever will take on the treasurer's responsibility for next year to begin shadowing her activities for continuity.

The Treasurer's report for May was accepted by the board.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Horgan reminded the Board there will be no July Board or General Meeting.

The International Master Gardener Search for Excellence Award applications are due August 1. The state award applications are due July 1. **Maryann Horgan** has agreed to complete the application for the 'Hands-On-Horticulture' program, and **Anne Coleman** will submit an application for the Hickman Library project. An author is needed for the 'House Calls' service.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Corresponding Secretary – **Jenny Newton** sent a thank you note to last month's speaker, Tom Woods.

Shirley Waggoner-Eisenman suggested the association send a birthday card to former member, Josephine Chebat, who recently celebrated her 100th birthday.

Liaison Committee to NCEMGVA – **Shirley Waggoner-Eisenman** met with **Donna Coulson** as a possible replacement for her position as liaison.

Plant Sale Committee - **Sonia Smith** reported the committee is visiting two nurseries in the next week as possible suppliers for the fall on-line plant sale. **Merry MacBarb** suggested the committee approach some of the newer association members to be participants on the committee the following year. **Anne Coleman** recommended the 2015/2016 propagation class as a source for possible new members. **Jeanne Pavero** will provide the 'Weekly Weeder' with a request from the membership for volunteers to join all standing committees in the following year.

Botanical Garden Committee – Removal of the ATMC sponsorship sign was discussed. A Geocache box will need to be relocated as well.

Maryann Horgan described Interpretive Signs being installed at St. James. **Amanda Kiel** has helped with that project and showed examples of the signs employed that are waterproof and last for 7-10 years. **Michelle Cousineau** will be contacted to discuss an appropriate size for signs that could be used in the Botanical Garden. A mailbox holding garden maps was also discussed.

Speakers & Library – **Sonia Smith** announced the June topic at the General Meeting will be Edibles. Andrew Fairbanks of the Halyburton Park in Wilmington will be the speaker in August.

A celebration commemorating the BCMGVA will be delayed until 2018 when the association marks its 25th year.

History/Publicity - **Amanda Kiel** is working with **Hank Rapp** and **Sam Marshall** to preserve association pictures from the early years.

The 'Day In The Yard' program has been promoted early in the west Brunswick County area through HOA/POA networks to gauge interest since it has never been offered in that area before. The Bolivia and St. James programs will be publicized later.

NEW BUSINESS:

The date for the Fall Garden Party to thank House Calls supporters must be confirmed. The dates considered are 9/23 and 10/7.

To meet the association's 2016 outreach goals President Horgan and **Jeanne Pavero** suggested the association could support a 4H Junior Master Gardener program that coincides with school holidays. **Sonia Smith** recommended approaching county Parks and Recreation to partner with the association's efforts.

A Plant/Seed Swap was promoted for the October general meeting.

The Southport Farmer's Market is currently manned by two association volunteers every 2 weeks.

The Nominating Committee will need one new member next year to replace Craig Farland. President Horgan asked for suggestions. The 'Weekly Weeder' will promote this need per a request penned by **Jeanne Pavero**, and an announcement requesting volunteers will be made at the June general Meeting.

President Horgan suggested to the 4H summer scholarship recipient that he consider continuing his work in the botanical garden as inspiration for his high school Senior Project.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50am.

Submitted by Anne Coleman
Recording Secretary