

Brunswick County Master Gardener Volunteer Association

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2017

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

President Pavero displayed a new, colorful sign that will be used to highlight the 'What's in Bloom' table from the Botanical garden.

OLD BUSINESS:

The new scholarship committee members were announced: **Pat Sams, George Wong-Chong** and **Krystyna Ochota**. They are charged with setting criteria for scholarship recipients.

The DIY program will increase the sessions to seven classes starting with the September class to include a segment on native plants. A price increase to cover expenses associated with the extra class was discussed, and the board recommended a new price of \$85.

A drone photo of the Botanical Garden has been made. **Amanda Kiel** will proceed with direction from the Botanical Garden committee to produce an aerial map of the garden.

Fred Mina will follow-up with staff regarding the nonworking waterfall.

No update was available from Extension Staff on filling the position of Garden Curator.

BOARD ACCEPTANCE:

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

Financial Report – The February Treasurer's Report submitted by **Hank Rapp** showed a month end balance of \$40,050.33, and was accepted by the board. **Amanda Kiel** expressed disagreement with using Association funds to purchase lunches for members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Corresponding Secretary – **Dotti Hunkele** sent two 'Get Well' notes: one to **Sonia Smith** and one to **Gayle Pfeiffer**.

Membership Committee – **Kay Swenson** reported paid membership had increased to 64 members, and the list will be provided to **Gina Britton** for Discount Cards production. Unpaid members' names will be highlighted on the sign-in sheet at the General Meeting to prompt those who are tardy with their dues.

Liaison Committee – The draft release for the state conference has been produced. The final is expected in approximately two weeks.

Plant Sale Committee- **Vicki Fuhrmann** announced more than half of the plant sale plugs have arrived and are doing well. **Jeanne Pavero** will make a General Meeting announcement to remind users of the potting shed and hoop house to clean after working in the area.

Vicki is arranging for the Native Plant Seminar speakers and will limit each of the two sessions to 100 participants: 80 from the general public and 20 members of the BCMGVA. The public will pay \$10 per participant which is expected to cover the speakers' fees and expenses. A tour may be offered of the Botanical Garden during breaks in the seminar sessions.

An additional shade cloth for the open frame plant tables will be purchased. The wagons used during the plant sale are aging, so customer owned carts will be welcome.

Workdays for the April Sale will be posted on the website for volunteer sign-ups.

Botanical Garden Committee – The committee authorized the staining of the 'fort' and fence by Restitution using the same color employed in the Rose Garden. The individual gardens will prepare historical information and garden philosophy for inclusion in the Botanical Garden 'mailbox'.

Hardscape – **Fred Mina** gathered feedback on the irrigation system installed on a hoop house test table. He will proceed with further installation. **Mary Dixon** complimented Fred and his workers on the new bench built for the ELDG which was recently used by newlyweds for wedding photos.

Webmaster – **Amanda Kiel** announced she will not be able to assist with the On-Line Plant Sale going forward. **Vicki Fuhrmann** stated a replacement plan has been investigated utilizing Johnson's Nursery.

Speakers – **Sam Marshall** will speak on Bugs at the next General Meeting.

Field Trips –The Green Swamp Tour led by **Sam Marshall** is scheduled for March 28.

EXTENSION COORDINATORS' REPORTS AND UPDATES:

No staff were present for the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mary Dixon presented the new Gardening by the Month book she updated with color photos and monthly tabs. The cost to produce is \$6.91, and it will retail to the general public for \$20. BCMGVA members may purchase for \$10, and participants in Botanical Garden tours will receive a discount price of \$15. A working supply will be maintained by House Calls regional coordinators and the rest will be under the control of **Tom Woods** and **Mary Dixon**.

Jeanne Pavero introduced the new House Calls 'Packet'. It will be a transparent green secured folder and will include all needed supplies for a House Call visit.

Amanda Kiel asked **Jeanne Pavero** to follow up with Sam Marshall regarding the possibility his intern was selling the tomato plants he propagated using BCMGVA materials.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40am.

Submitted by Anne Coleman
Recording Secretary