Brunswick County Master Gardener Volunteer Association

General Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President **Jeanne Pavero** at 9am with 22 members present. Refreshments for the meeting were supplied by **Krystyna Ochota**, **Merry MacBarb**, and **Maryann Horgan**.

President's Message

President Pavero expressed thanks to all who assisted in the successful Native Plant Sale. All remaining plants are available to the general membership for purchase.

The sale of <u>Gardening by the Month</u> books has provided \$1294 year to date. Vice President **Mary Dixon** was thanked for her hard work to produce a very marketable product.

The June meeting will introduce a Pepper Plant Trial supervised by **Mary Dixon**. There will be 10 different hot peppers and 10 different mild or sweet peppers.

The successful outreach efforts of the Hickmans Crossing Green Thumbs shows in the green-scaping around the library entrance. The group is led by Master Gardeners and includes local library patrons.

There will be a House Calls evaluation meeting after the June General Membership meeting.

A request was made for volunteers to supply the refreshments at the June meeting.

President Pavero announced Brunswick County currently holds 8th place statewide with 3,323 volunteer hours year to date.

The book Epic Tomatoes by Craig LeHouillier was donated to the association.

Membership Acceptance

The Minutes from the April 2017 meeting submitted by **Anne Coleman** were accepted with no revisions.

The April Treasurer's Report prepared by **Hank Rapp** was approved by the membership. Ending Balance for the month was \$43,068.39.

Old Business

Krys Ochota reported the Scholarship Committee received notes of appreciation from the three 4-H sponsored students. A commitment was made to Brunswick Community College to provide \$1000 in scholarship funds for a Horticulture or Turf Management diploma candidate. Kris requested membership to offer educational ideas for the remaining \$700 in budgeted funds.

Committee Reports

<u>Correspondence</u> – **Dotti Hunkele** issued two 'Thank You' notes: one to Mark Blevins for donating Dr. Mellichamp's <u>Native Plants of the Southeast</u> books to the county libraries, and one to Robin Weir, the April meeting speaker.

<u>Membership</u> – **Lynn Eriquez** stated the membership has not increased from last month's count of 79.

<u>Botanical Garden Committee</u> – **Maryann Horgan** reported the committee met on May 10. She thanked Restitution for staining the 'fort' and pump house. **Cathy Matheson** will have a workday in the Pollinator Garden on May 26. Pat Quinn is working with 'Sign Source' to develop garden signs. **Gail Capel**'s husband will make a gift to the garden by welding a garden sculpture using old garden tools.

<u>Speakers</u> – **Sonia Smith** announced **Sam Marshall** will host a webinar on copyright issues within North Carolina State University and the Extension Office.

Extension Coordinators Reports and Updates

Tom Woods recapped the House Call volume. Year to date there have been 95 requests with 67 completions. Leland has completed 17 of 24 requests, Ocean Isle/Calabash10 of 15 requests. Southport 16 of 32 requests and Supply 3 of 3 requests. Of the 95 requests Tom has handled 21 Turf Only visits. The Fall On-Line Plant Sale will be a partnership with Johnson Nursery. DIY classes will be located primarily in county libraries this fall with a 7th cell added to include native plants. The price is increased to \$85 from \$75.

Shawn Lennon installed garden edging in the Rose Garden and may install additional edging in the Pollinator Garden. He introduced goldfish into the pond and is investigating a leak in the Rose Garden Fountain.

Anita Handler reviewed the April Restitution activity. The month began with 16 clients, added 11 and successfully released 10. Four clients were unsuccessful, leaving a month end client total of 13.

Sam Marshall reported the Shallotte Community Garden will host its last spring class on IPM. Those interested in teaching segments in the fall may contact **Vic Stephens. Nancy Olsen** from Bladen County will teach a workshop on Hypertufa on June 8.

New Business

The Executive Board previously offered to pay NCMG state membership dues for all BCMGVA in good standing. Some members do not wish to join so the Board will not pay their dues. The 2017 dues will only be paid for members attending the June Conference. **Hank Rapp** recommended a state dues request be included on the BCMGVA General Membership application form.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45am.

Submitted by Anne Coleman Recording Secretary