

Brunswick County Master Gardener Volunteer Association

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2016

In the absence of the president and vice president, Treasurer **Merry MacBarb** called the meeting to order at 9:00AM. In attendance were Merry MacBarb, Amanda Kiel, Fred Mina, Vicki Fuhrmann, Kay Swenson, Jenny Newton, Tom Woods, Shirley Waggoner-Eisenman and Anne Coleman.

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

Financial Report The monthly Treasurer's Report for February was submitted by **Merry MacBarb**. Expenses for the Plant Sale as well as the charges related to irrigation repairs were the primary expenditures. The ending balance on February 29, 2019 was \$22,270.54

OLD BUSINESS:

Bylaws/Procedures & Policies - **Shirley Waggoner-Eisenman** reported the amended Bylaws and Procedures & Policies documents were mailed to the membership. She suggested an updated membership roster complete with contact information and date the member passed the Master Gardener course be compiled. **Tom Woods** will provide the requested list of active paid BCMGVA members to the membership committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Corresponding Secretary – **Jenny Newton** issued one 'thank you' note and reported the receipt of one.

Membership – **Kay Swenson** announced the association has 66 paid members.

Liaison Committee to NCEMGVA – **Shirley Waggoner-Eisenman** reported the next meeting will be April 13 in Lee County.

Plant Sale Committee – **Vickie Fuhrmann** stated a list of Plants available for pre-sale to members was e-mailed this week. She must receive orders by March 24, the day of the next General Meeting. In conjunction with the Plant Sale Vickie has investigated apparel items that will be monogrammed with the association name. This includes polo shirts, caps, visors and aprons to be worn at the sale and other Volunteer Master Gardener activities. Orders are required by March 24 also.

The committee would like to invite the membership for a 'sneak peek' at the Greenhouse and Pad after the next General Meeting to view the plants for the April Sale. **Tom Woods** will send a blast email to the membership covering the deadlines for the pre-sale plants and the apparel as well as the greenhouse visit.

During the May Plant Sale with its seminars on native plants, the committee would like to involve similar interest groups such as The Audubon Society. Vickie and **Sam Marshall** are gathering speakers and inviting these groups to host display tables during the sale. Vickie will have an informational flier at the next general meeting.

Hardscape – **Fred Mina** announced the arbor in the Botanical Garden is finished. It was stained a light grey to match the walkway material by **Bob Kiley**. Work will begin next week on the bridge, and hose bibs will be installed outside the hoop house as time permits,

Speakers & Library – Margaret Shelton will be the speaker at the general meeting on March 24. **Vickie Fuhrmann** requested contact information for David Barkley as a prospective meeting speaker on the history of the Botanical Garden. **Amanda Kiel** will contact **Hank Rapp** for historical pictures on the development of the garden.

History/ Publicity – The press release covering the two spring plant sales was sent and acknowledgements of receipt from various publications and homeowners newsletters have been noted.

Social – Volunteers are needed to serve refreshments during the May 9th visit from the Brunswick County Newcomers Club. Approximately 60 guests are expected.

EXTENSION COORDINATORS' REPORTS AND UPDATES:

Restitution began the month with 11 participants and ended the month with the same. They took in 7, released 6 and terminated 1 back to court. The group has recently focused on sanitizing the hoop house walls.

Tom Woods reported **Sam Marshall** has requested members no longer work alone in the hoop house or greenhouse due to safety issues. In addition at least one staff member must be on site when volunteers are working in the hoop and greenhouses.

Michelle Cousineau requested Tom remind all members the Botanical Garden is experiencing significant change and to be mindful of others working in the various parts of the garden.

The House Calls program has 23 requests for the season so far. Although the program start date is May 1 **Tom Woods** asked team leaders to begin contacting the homeowners now for the May appointments.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00am.

Submitted by Anne Coleman
Recording Secretary