

Brunswick County Master Gardener Volunteer Association

General Meeting Minutes

June 23, 2016

In the absence of President Horgan the meeting was called to order by Vice-President **Jeanne Pavero** with 31 members in attendance at 9:00am.

Executive Message

Vice President Pavero congratulated the membership on a successful plant sale. Newspaper coverage from some of the local papers was shared highlighting the Hands-On Horticulture program and Botanical Garden Tours supported by the BCMGVA. Another tour has been scheduled for September 23 with a group from OLLI UNCW.

The Garden Party celebrating the residents who have participated in the House Calls Program is scheduled for October 7 at 4pm.

A plant swap was suggested for the October general meeting.

Members were asked to contact the nominating committee if interested in volunteering for the office of Treasurer next year.

Lynn Eriquez and **Vicki Fuhrmann** supplied the meeting's refreshments.

Membership Acceptance

The Minutes from the May meeting posted on the web were accepted with no revisions.

Merry MacBarb presented the Treasurer's Report for acceptance. The plant sale generated over \$28,000 in sales with expenses totaling approximately \$16,000. She congratulated the Propagation Class for contributing more than \$13,000 in plant sale material. No sales tax must be collected on plants produced by the membership.

Merry announced the same CPA firm that conducted the Association's audit will be employed to produce the Association's tax return for 2016. Income for the year will exceed the short form \$50,000 threshold necessitating a CPA prepared long form.

Old Business

A volunteer is needed to help update the 'Herbs and Edibles' booklet.

New members are needed for the two standing committees, plant sale and botanical garden, since some members will be cycling out of positions in the fall.

Jeanne reminded everyone there will be no Executive Board or General Meetings in July.

Committees

Corresponding Secretary – **Jenny Newton** sent a ‘Thank You’ note to the May meeting speaker. She also sent a birthday card and floral arrangement to **Josephine Chebat** who is a Master Gardener Emeritus. Mrs. Chebat recently celebrated her 100th birthday.

Membership – **Lynn Eriquez** reminded everyone to pick up their discount cards.

Plant Sale Committee – **Vicki Fuhrmann** announced the committee has begun work on the fall on-line plant sale. The website will begin taking orders August 22 and will stay open for a minimum of three weeks. Plant pickup is scheduled for 9/29 through 10/1. There will be a few plants available for sale at pick-up that did not make it into the spring sales. The committee is working with Mary Dixon to develop a list of cool season vegetables that could be added to the sale.

Any apparel ordered but not picked up can be obtained from **Gina Britton**. Some additional pieces of apparel are available and can be purchased with Vicki.

Speakers and Library – **Sonia Smith** has arranged for Andrew Fairbanks of the Halyburton Park in Wilmington to speak to the Association at the August meeting. He will address the benefits of diversity in animals and plants as well as controlled burns.

Vicki Fuhrmann added two new books to the Master Gardener Library. She also mentioned a growing effort in other areas of the country to promote a National Seed Bank.

History/Publicity – **Donna Coulson** is positioning press releases of various BCMGVA programs in HOA newsletters and local newspapers. The ‘Day in the Yard’ will be advertised for the St James, Bolivia and Hickman Library classes, and she will promote the Info Desk programs at the Leland and Hickman Libraries.

Publicizing the House Calls program will begin again in August.

Extension Coordinators Reports and Updates

Tom Woods reported on several recent seminars he attended. **Anita Handler** reviewed the Restitution numbers. She is noting an increase in overall hours assigned to serve, and 107 students have participated year to date. **Michele Cousineau** is saving seeds from the vegetable garden and is offering them to the next propagation team. Help is needed in the garden and a chore list is posted in the toolshed.

New Business

Chappy Jones reminded the membership who reside in the southwestern section of the county to volunteer at the Hickman Info Desk through October.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05am.

Speaker: Mary Dixon on Edible Gardens

Submitted by Anne Coleman
Recording Secretary

