

## **Brunswick County Master Gardener Volunteer Association**

### **Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

**August 18, 2016**

**Maryann Horgan** called the meeting to order at 9:00am. In attendance were Merry MacBarb, Shirley Waggoner-Eisenman, Maryann Horgan, Amanda Kiel, Fred Mina, Vicki Fuhrmann, Tom Woods, Dotti Hunkele, Jeanne Pavero and Anne Coleman.

#### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

President Horgan reported our message is 'getting out'. She shared two recent newspaper articles promoting the association's activities. Additionally the Brunswick County Newcomer's Club meeting earlier this year prompted a call from a gentleman representing Surf Cinema wanting suggestions for improving his property.

#### **BOARD ACCEPTANCE:**

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

Financial Report - **Merry MacBarb** reported the anticipated deposits in August from the plant sale will cause the association receipts to exceed the \$50,000 mark. A bank charge-back from the Native Plant Sale will be pursued by **Anne Coleman**. **Jeanne Pavero** will handle the PayPal transfers during Merry's absence. The Treasurer's reports for June and July were accepted by the board.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

President Horgan announced the association's scholarship to Brunswick Community College was issued to two students, one of whom was selected to intern during the coming school year at a prominent Pennsylvania garden. The college scholarship committee is hosting a luncheon for donors. **Maryann Horgan** and **Jeanne Pavero** will attend as representatives for BCMGVA. Maryann will remind the 4-H group that we are owed 10 hours of Botanical Garden work from the camp donation made earlier.

**Jenny Newton** has resigned as Corresponding Secretary and has taken emeritus status in the association due to health issues. She is replaced by **Dotti Hunkele**.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Liaison Committee to NCEMGVA – **Shirley Waggoner-Eisenman** will be replaced by **Donna Coulson** and **Vicki Fuhrmann** as our liaison to the state. Donna will attend the next scheduled meeting in August.

Plant Sale Committee- **Vicki Fuhrmann** updated the board on the on-line plant sale preparations. The committee has added trees for this sale and expanded the types of grasses. There will be over 100 plant types available on-line as well as the members' Pass-Along plants offered at plant pickup. President Horgan will push for volunteer help at the membership meeting.

Botanical Garden Committee – There will be a planning meeting of the various garden team leaders on August 23. Interpretive signs will be discussed for each garden area. A discussion followed about the

formal name of the garden. It was recommended BCMGVA be included on any signage promoting the garden.

**Vicki Fuhrmann** suggested the Botanical Garden team leaders plan and budget for their supplies so as to coordinate with larger orders for the plant sale.

Hardscape Committee – **Fred Mina** stated the committee is ready to accept new requests from the association. Construction of benches on the new deck is still planned, and the picnic tables will likely be moved to beyond the Shady Birch Garden. He reported there are still issues with the watering system in the hoop house. The misting system to the outside tables is also inadequate. Fred will investigate solutions for both. **Maryann Horgan** reported the Edible Garden Group would like an arbor installed. A private Master Gardener shed was discussed. Fred will put together plans for one using the funds remaining from the boardwalk repair.

Speakers & Library – **Maryann Horgan** suggested a possible speaker for the general meeting would be a representative from the Grand Circle Cruise Line. This would be a fund raiser for BCMGVA including a trip to Holland and Belgium in April of 2018. It would cost \$3100 which includes airfare from ILM per person. With at least ten members traveling the cruise line would rebate to the association a 10% discount.

History/Publicity – **Tom Woods** reported early publicity for the 5 'Day in the Yard' programs has paid off. There are 97 participants so far with 37 enrollees at St. James and a waiting list at Hickman Library.

Field Trips – **Ellen Pecina** has taken a leave of absence due to health reasons. It was decided not to replace her at this time.

#### **EXTENSION COORDINATORS REPORTS AND UPDATES:**

**Tom Woods** announced the October General Meeting will be held in the Commissioners' Chambers in the Administration Building. The planned Seed and Cutting Swap may need to be located closer to the Extension Office.

He was questioned about the availability and number of irrigation keys. It was recommended each Extension Staff member have a key.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The Osher Life Learning Institute (OLLI) will visit the Botanical Garden on September 23 at 9am. Volunteers are needed and will be requested at the next meeting as well as on-line at the website. The St. James Artists Group will again conduct a Pleine air outing in the gardens.

The date for the Fall Garden Party to thank House Calls supporters will be October 7 at 4pm. Master Gardener volunteers are needed as guides. Simple refreshments will be available, and it is hoped a harpist will provide a musical backdrop.

A September 6 planning session for 2017 is scheduled at 9am. All members are invited to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05am.

Submitted by Anne Coleman  
Recording Secretary