

Brunswick County Master Gardener Volunteer Association

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2016

Maryann Horgan called the meeting to order at 9:05am. In attendance were Sonia Smith, Maryann Horgan, Amanda Kiel, Dotti Hunkele, Merry MacBarb, Fred Mina, George Wong-Chong, Gloria Rapp, Hank Rapp and Anne Coleman.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

President Maryann Horgan reported her contact with the Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce yielded a posting on their website to promote the Botanical Garden. She urged members to submit other organizations that would post similar BCMGVA information.

The Hickman Library Info Desk entry submitted by **Anne Coleman** to the 'State Search for Excellence' contest was awarded first place. The Hands on Horticulture entry submitted by **Maryann Horgan** to the 'International Search for Excellence' competition placed third in the nation. Copies of the entries will be provided at the general meeting and placed in the 'Weekly Weeder' to encourage other BCMGVA members to contribute in the future.

BOARD ACCEPTANCE:

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

Financial Report – **Merry MacBarb** presented the August and September reports as well as a copy of the 2016 budget. August and September reports were accepted after a discussion of moving expenses associated with PayPal to 'Cost of Sales' as that is an expense exclusive to the Plant Sale.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Corresponding Secretary – **Dotti Hunkele** sent a Thank You note to Craig Connelly of the Bee Hive for speaking at the September general meeting. It was suggested a 'Get Well' card be sent to Diane Schortau.

Plant Sale Committee- **Maryann Horgan** reported on behalf of **Vicki Fuhrmann** the On-Line Plant Sale had net proceeds of approximately \$7000. Vicki submitted a written review of the sale's strengths and weaknesses with recommendations for next year.

Botanical Garden Committee – **Maryann Horgan** announced the next committee meeting will be Wednesday, October 26. She was pleased to report support among the garden teams was developing. The Edible Garden Team was instrumental in assisting the Rose Garden Team install perennials earlier in the week.

The fountain in the rose garden is in disrepair. A current student in the Master Gardener class has volunteered to repair the fountain. A discussion regarding the viability of the existing fountain took place. The MG student will proceed with his planned renovation. If that fails a new fountain will be pursued.

Hardscape Committee – **Fred Mina** reported work continues on perfecting the watering system for the hoop house. Modification of the overhead system is necessary to ensure a more even distribution. He has

measured the water pressure at various points with good results. Fred stated providing water to the outside raised bed tables will not work as the older water lines are in disrepair. **Amanda Kiel** suggested the committee invite an outside professional such as the Horticultural Department Head from BCC to provide input on the water systems.

Webmaster – **Amanda Kiel** updated the home page, but noted many House Call reports have not been supplied for inclusion on the website.

Speakers & Library – No speaker is needed for the October or December general meetings. **Sonia Smith** announced Tom Ericson of the Transplanted Garden will be the November speaker, and Kent Smith of the NC DOT will speak at the January meeting. Sonia spoke about the Pender County Master Gardeners' Speakers Bureau. She suggested exchanging ideas between our two counties.

EXTENSION COORDINATORS REPORTS AND UPDATES:

No Extension Staff were present at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Horgan reminded the board the October meeting will be conducted in the Commissioner's Chambers, and Bev Mastrovich will speak briefly on the proposed 2018 trip to Holland.

Merry MacBarb asked the board to review the printed copy of the 2016 budget for any additions and deletions in preparation for the 2017 budget. Junior Master Gardeners, Junior Horticulture (4H Competition), Extension Centennial and Pad Area Sun Shade were no longer needed line items.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15am.

Submitted by Anne Coleman
Recording Secretary