

President Jane Furman called the Master Gardener meeting to order @ 5:45 P.M.

We produced the booklet for the October 3, 2009 conference again this year.

Appointments for two new board members were presented to the board.

Leslie Maltz - Newsletter Editor

Karen Pennell - Outreach Chairman

Both were approved unanimously.

We are still looking for an individual to fill position of Garden Club Liason. Board members were asked to make suggestions.

Skylands Decorating:

Chairman Barbara Johansson reported that we will be decorating the Drawing Room at Skylands for the Holidays. A motion was passed unanimously passed to provide \$600.00 for this project.

The theme this year is "Celebrating Skylands Manor".

This will take place weekend before Thanksgiving.

Fundraising:

T Shirts are going to be offered for sale with the "celebrating 25 years of MGNJ." Logo Clara Reuter, fundraising Chair, will be sending information in Potting Shed.

Our Holiday Party will take place December 8,2009 @ Van Saun Park @ 11:45a.m. and last until 2:00p.m. Janet Jaarsma has volunteered to be Chair again this year.

JJoseph Cooper reported that the Rutherford Garden Conservatory will give us a private tour if we decide to visit.

Treasurers Report:

as of 5/1/09-8/31/09 balance \$3267.26

currently balance is \$ 3131.86

Jean Friedman has given information to her committee member, Karen Hammer, who is assisting her with 501 C3. All members must give cost estimates for next year to Jean by October 7, 2009 so she can prepare a budget. These estimates should cover January through December 2010.

Hospitality: Janet reported Eco cups too costly. \$160 for 1000 cups, members suggesting bring your own cups or mugs to meetings.

We will participate in project to get to know new students in the Master Gardener program after three or four meetings. Board members will introduce themselves and provide breakfast.

Leslie will be sending out info. to the new students and getting e mail addresses from them.

Send your volunteer hours to Joseph Cooper, they will not be kept in office anymore.

Website: We want to get corrections and suggestions for the website. President Jane Furman said the first page should have Rutgers Master Garden logo and explain who we are.

Programs:

We must be aware that speakers fees are high. If we raise our membership dues from \$15.00 to \$20.00 it will help us to cover these costs. Unanimous vote to raise membership dues to \$20.00

Jan: Janet Schulz Garden in Winter

Feb: Vinny Simone

March: Garden Fair Garden Party

April: Dr.Doug Tallamy

Garden Tours for Spring will be planned.

Speakers Bureau.

Speakers Bureau members who speak at meetings will receive \$ .42 a mile for traveling to present programs.

September 25,2009 will be a trip to Ridgewood Gardens.

President Jane Furman has reported that Susan Baruto suggested that the Master Gardener graduation committee should be formed now and start some planning for graduation.

Membership:

put e mail address on membership list

cell phone numbers

Leslie will e mail updated membership list to Cliff.

Transportation will be provide to members who need to attend special meetings and events. Barbara Johannsson and Carol Tutungy should be contacted.

The Potting Shed will be e mailed to everyone beginning in January.

A Board meeting is tentatively planned for October 15,2009 @ 5:30 at Methodist Church in Leonia. Jane will check with board members to check date.

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:08

Respectively

Submitted,

Vivian DeMarco

Recording  
Secretary

Attendance

Jane Furman  
Vivian DeMarco  
Sally Ditton  
Tracey Fraser  
Carol Tutundgy  
Andrea Kanoc  
Jean Friedman  
Leslie Maltz  
Barbara Johannsson  
Walter Traubel  
Clara Reuter