

Bergen County Master Gardeners  
Board Meeting – October 25, 2011

The meeting was opened at 5:45 pm.

Present: Barb, Karen, Janet J., Charles, Leslie, Tracey, Hank, Joseph, Janet A., Walter, Cliff, Jane.

Absent: Sissel, Lucy, Lois, Laura, Sally.

The minutes of the Board Meeting held on September 27, 2011 were approved.

The President informed that she, Barb Johansson is now Chair of our Skylands Committee. The committee is working to decorate the Library in line with this year's theme, "Deck the Halls." On behalf of the committee, Barb cited a need for gold and burgundy ornaments, a Santa Claus suit, and other items. The Board voted the amount of \$400.00 to finance the work of the committee. Motion initiated by Karen, seconded by Janet A. Board approved.

Leslie proposed that BCMG nominate Joel Flagler for an honor awarded as part of the Awards Program for Coop. Excellence with the specific award category to be determined by the committee. Motion made by Leslie and seconded by Janet J. Board approved. Committee will consist of Leslie and Karen with, upon consent, Andrea Kanoc and Carol Thielke.

'Luncheon for Joel' matter revisited. A committee was appointed with Tracey and Charles serving as co-chairmen to look into a site, date, menu, guests, etc. to celebrate Joel's 25 years as a Rutgers cooperative extension agent. (Additional committee members will be announced at next month's meeting.)

Karen Pennell cited certain difficulties in determining the date for the 'New Class' Breakfast. She continues to work to resolve same and will report back to the Board at a later date.

A brief discussion was had on the importance of reporting volunteer and education hours. Barb will address this important concern in her column for the next *Potting Shed*.

Joseph reported increased activity on our website. He requested Board approval for removing the Yahoo link because it shows no recent activity. Motion to that effect was made by Leslie and seconded by Jane. Board approved.

Tracey reported on her visit to the Rutherford Community Garden citing both her observations and knowledge gained. While there, she received an informal request that a 'knowledge based consultant' be enlisted from BCMG to assist the work of the garden. This led to the question, "What is the role of BCMG in assisting Community Garden efforts?" Question unanswered at this time.

Karen and Tracey spoke to the matter of holiday collection of foodstuffs, gift cards, and checks that can be 'sent on' to the CFA through Tracey.

Jane and Karen reported a good response to the recent state conference, praising the keynote speaker and citing an attendance of 325 Master Gardeners.

Tracey sought the board's reaction to a speaker on the History of Pumpkins and another on Community Gardens. Barb offered a 'ready to go' power point presentation that she will soon have in hand. All topics were received with interest.

Leslie urged that the individual board members make a special effort to engage the members of both last year's classes who will be here this evening to receive their pins as well as the members of this year's class who have received a special invitation to attend this evening.

It was also pointed out that the new proposed bylaws that will be voted on at the November meeting obligates each committee chair to write up and submit to the board a report on their activities for the past year.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45.