

Bergen County Master Gardeners
Board Meeting – November 15, 2011

The meeting was opened at 5:45 pm.

Present: Karen, Leslie, Hank, Joseph, Janet A., Walter, Jane, Sissel, Lucy, Janet J., Lois.

Absent: Barb, Tracey, Charles, Sally, Cliff, Lora.

The minutes of the October 25 Board Meeting were approved.

Karen presided in place of Barb.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$10,475.65 in our checking account. Sissel also reported that our new state and federal numbers indicating our not-for-profit status are NJ 0100 66 8939 and USA 35-242-6526. Membership renewals are coming in very slowly....

Jane reported a few “sunshine” items.

Lois reported a trip to Morris County Farms scheduled for December 8.

Janet A. reported that our speaker’s bureau is actively engaged and recently received an honorarium of \$1000.00 from Rutherford’s outdoor gardens organization.

Joseph reported that he removed Yahoo from our Website and added the membership renewal form to the site. Completed forms reporting volunteer and education hours are due on the 1st of January, 2012 and blank forms will be made available at this evening’s meeting. The volunteer sites will be reviewed for inclusion prior to the printing of the directory.

Karen reported that the application for Joel’s award has been completed and submitted.

New and continuing business included the following:

The New Class Breakfast scheduled for the 2nd of December will be paid for by a \$10.00 donation from each board member and bills for the foodstuffs and paper goods will be given to Sissel to be paid from the donations.

A Board Meeting will be held directly after the Breakfast.

December 13th is the date set for our holiday party. Hank is chairing this event.

At this evening’s meeting the new slate of officers will be voted upon, likewise the new Bylaws.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30.
November 15, 2011 Continued:

Our membership meeting began at 7:30.

Edith Wallace, Bylaws Chair called for a motion to pass the new Bylaws. Motion was made by Jane Furman, seconded by Robyn Lowenthal. There was no discussion, a vote was taken by show of hands, and the Bylaws were passed unanimously.

Carol Thielke, Nominating Committee Chair, presented the new slate of officers for the 2012 Gardening Year: President – Karen Pennell, Vice-President – Joseph Cooper, Recording Secretary – Janet Jaarsma, Treasurer – Sissell Castelli, and Corresponding Secretary – Charles Maietta. No new nominations were given from the floor and the slate was approved on the motion made by Lois Lynch, seconded by Jane Furman. Janet Jaarsma, as Recording Secretary. Cast the vote for the
