

Bergen County Master Gardeners Board Meeting – February 28, 2012

Present: Karen, Joseph, Sissel, Janet J., Charles, Leslie, Sally, Cliff, Tracey, Barb, Lora, Janet A. Walter, Lucy.

The Board met in a closed executive board session to discuss application for 501c3 status.

The regularly scheduled Board Meeting began at 6 pm.

Minutes were approved with one correction to be made. The recording secretary urged that she be informed of corrections well before the Board Meetings so that changes can be accommodated in a more time efficient manner.

Karen introduced John Walters to the Board. John is the 2012 Class Liaison with Margaret Kenter serving as Alternate.

Joseph reported on the State Meeting. He suggested a change to the reporting forms which the Board approved. He promoted a discussion on handling requests for special projects that emanated from groups and communities not directly associated with BCMG.

**Motion:** To establish a committee to filter requests for specific community beautification projects to be potentially funded and worked by BCMG. (Janet J., Sally) Approved.

The rebuilt website, after review and testing by the Board, is almost ready for discretionary use by Members and the Public.

Sissel reported that our checkbook shows a balance of \$14,094. at the end of January '12.

Lora announced April Outreach programs: April 21 – Ridgewood's Earth Day  
April 22 – Party for the Planet

Cliff reported that eleven members are not listed in the Directory and will be e-blasted to all members. This year BCMG shows a membership of 187 with 32 gardeners in the 2012 class. He then initiated a discussion on ways to ascertain reasons for the steady drop in yearly membership.

Leslie suggested that the sending of hard copies of the **Potting Shed** to non members be discontinued and also inquired as to at what point were non continuing members be erased from her email list. This concern was tabled to be further addressed at our next meeting.

Karen announced that the Bylaws Committee was working on an appendix to the Bylaws approved at the November 15, 2011 general meeting.

She urged further consideration on nominees for the award for excellence.

Barb made a suggestion that a column entitled *Your Money Goes For...* be included in a future edition of