

**Master Gardeners of Bergen County
Board of Directors Minutes of
February 26, 2013**

Meeting called to order by President Pennell at 5:40 PM.

Present at the meeting: K. Pennell, J. Cooper, H. Annunziata, S. Castelli, S. Ditton, L. DeFlora, J. Furman, B. Johansson, D. Karpel, L. Malka, L. Maltz and J. Walters.

Minutes of the January 22, 2013 meeting were approved and accepted, with no changes.

Treasurer's Report: Income of \$401.76 Expenses of \$235.00 Checking Balance is \$13,901.75
Membership to date is 159

Skyland's Total Expense for 2012 is \$600.96

Budget for 2013 was presented. After discussion, it decided to leave the purchase of new computer (gift to Rutgers Help Line) as a line item in the budget. It was also discuss if there was money left over in the line item for the computer, Joseph would look into purchasing a portable sound system, which is in much need for our speakers. The 2013 Budget was passed.

Barbara Johansson brought up the need to archive photo and articles, suggested either Albums or possibly putting them on the website. Joseph said it would cause some difficulty to load on website, he then suggested that the material be scanned and kept on a flash drive.

Presidents Report; Karen asked all committee chairpersons' who have not presented their yearend report to please have it ready for the March meeting.

Karen also asked if anyone would like to nominate a person for the Excellence Award. Leslie nominated Sissel. Lastly Karen praised the work done at the 911 Memorial at Overpeck Park.

State Representative Report: Joseph MGANJ February 5th Meeting

- Reviewed MGANJ (State) Budget.
 - Reviewed proposed conference budget and discussed changes.
 - Reviewed the timeline and logistics for running the conference.
 - Reviewed conference tasks, and prioritized by amount of effort each task takes.
 - MG of BC has two tasks this year:
 - MG of BC will be purchasing speaker gifts as a conference task again this year.
 - MG of BC will be producing the awards presentation slideshow.
 1. We are responsible for collecting the photos & details for all winners
 2. Producing the slideshow
 3. Bringing equipment and running the presentation during registration and awards
- MG of BC committed to hosting a table in the garden market of the conference. We are negotiating to sell the NJBG book. Barnes & Noble has the book sales rights on campus.

- County representatives reviewed their activity reports.
- Master Gardeners State Coordinator Nick Polanin was out, so there was no reporting for NJAES or Rutgers.
- Karen picked up the pins for 5, 10, 15, 20 years of service from Toni Reinhart and she will bill us for them. I also spoke to Tony about the past president pins, we can get the gold gavel pins for \$3.75 each. I have to give her the amount we need, so I email Andrea Kanoc asking for the details.

Joseph distributed Volunteer Sites and Activities for 2012 (very impressive) Volunteer hours consisted of Administrative, Outreach, Horticulture Therapy, REC help line and Volunteer Labor for a total of 7,709.00 Hours.

Also Joseph passed out Instructions for reporting volunteer hours and pointed out that the administrative area and what it covered. Along with approved sites and contact persons.

Committee Reports;

Hospitality Hank No report.

Gardening Clubs Lucy reported most clubs are becoming active in March. We should get a list of the new contact people for each club to members and the public and update this on the website each year.

Community Gardens Laura wanted to remind us while doing outreach in schools or community gardens that we are to facilitate by advising and giving information. Paramus will be holding its Earth Day on April 28th. Asked for suggestions for a one day theme this year. Suggestion was made for Native Plants.

Publicity Sally No report

Archivist Barbara is writing biographical article profiling members.

Newsletter Leslie will send note out to members who are not current with their dues, notifying them that they will not receive copy of newsletter until the dues are paid.

Other Business Karen stated that they are still in the process of filing reports to obtain 503-C tax status.

Spring Fest is Thursday March 15th thru Saturday March 17th at Sussex County Fair Grounds in Augusta, NJ. Donna stated class of 2013 will be going on Friday the 16th.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.