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**Master Gardeners of Bergen County
Board of Directors Minutes of**

January 28th , 2014

Meeting called to order by President Pennell at 5:05PM.

Present at the meeting: K. Pennell, J. Cooper, L. Maltz, J. Furman, S. Castelli, H. Annunziata, B. Johansson, C. Gerenz, S. Ditton, T. Fraser, L. Malka, Risa Marlen, Pat Fromm, F. Langendoen, S. Leveen, M. Broder and J. Walters.

Previous Minutes;

Recording Secretary John Walters was not in attendance due to a work commitment and it was discovered that no one else was asked to keep the meeting minutes. Therefore there are no minutes.

Treasurers Report;

Sissel , provided two balance statements due to an absence in October.

Balance of November 20, 2013.....\$12,286.57

Balance of January 28, 2014.....\$13,721.66

Sissel then presented a proposed budget for 2014. This was discuss in length, some changes were made and Sissel will provide an amended copy with the changes.

A copy of the detailed reports will be attached to these minutes kept by the secretary.

Presidents Report;

Karen congratulated and welcomed the new officers' of the board and thanked the former members leaving the board, for their time and service. Karen then handed the official gavel over to the incoming president, Joseph Cooper.

Joseph presented ideas for 2014 goals of the Master Gardeners of Bergen County. These included;

Finance Committee

Fund Raising Committee

Membership Recruitment Committee

Website Donation and Store

Newsletter Writers and Committee

2015 Meeting Dates

Bank account was closed at TD Bank and suggested to open new account at Mariners

Community Bank or another bank that would be convenient to everyone. After some objection it was moved that the new treasurer, president and finance committee will work this out among

themselves, for everyone's benefit. Joseph next mentioned the ability to process credit cards for MG of BC for dues, trips education seminars and store goods on website. A question of security arose and it will be further looked into. Also pertaining to the Finance committee, it is suggested that it consist of three members, one being the Treasurer (Fran Langendoen), Kathleen Sullivan and a person TBD. A vote was called, All in Favor with One abstention.

Fund raising activity; A plant sale was suggested, due to much discussion, it will be carried over to next month's meeting.

Joseph also mentioned that many charitable websites have a button or link that you can click on and donate certain amounts of money. He would like to do the same to MGofBC website.

The recruitment committee could possibly be made by merging some of the present committees. Membership and Volunteer Records Committees. These two committees reconcile their information to certify who is a MG, who is on the Newsletter list, Correspondence list, qualifies for pins, has access to the website, etc.

Newsletter should be more informative with articles of interest and more depth than the bulletin board type of announcements. This would be the same for the website.

Looking forward to next year we have until June to make any modifications to the meeting calendar, such as conflicts with holidays, special events etc.

Committee Reports;

Membership: Cliff, Membership as of this meeting we have 145 paid members. Last year at this time we had 150.

27 people joined after the directory went to print.

20 of the 35 members of the class of 2013 have joined the MGofBC.

Cliff also reported that we received \$60.00 in donations.

Programs: Tracy, tonight's speaker is Chris Rubino of Monrovia growers, He will introduce new plants for the 2014 planting season.

Class of 2014 Report:

The class liaison to the board is Melissa Broder and we welcome her to the table.

Being time was of the essence, we moved to New Business

New Business:

Jane will bring order forms for member badges. The cost will be \$10 each and will attach with a magnet instead of a pin.

Regina who represents the Master Gardeners of Passaic County would like to try a joint education meeting together. It was suggested we try for the April meeting. Tracy will coordinate. There has been some feedback from members that certain sites are not volunteer friendly. It is suggested that we have a site coordinator to visit each site at least once a year or more to help with any problems. Karen has volunteered for this assignment. Also we will confer with the leaders of these sites, we may be able to donate to a wish list or special project they may have in mind. With money and or labor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

MASTER GARDENERS OF BERGEN COUNTY
Statement January 29,2014 - February 25, 2014

Checking Balance January 29,2014 \$ 14266.66

INCOME.....\$ 100.00

Dues (5 members)

EXPENSES\$ 524.⁶⁸

Christmas Party (check 101) 334.93


State Meeting (check 102) 50.00

Newsletter (check 103) 139.75

Checking Balance February 25,2014 \$ 13,841.⁹³

Outstanding Gift to be issued \$ 200.00

V.Kortveg Children's Garden NJBG



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Francie Langendoen, Treasurer