

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

April 22, 2014

Meeting was called to order by President Cooper at 5:05

Present at the meeting: Joseph Cooper, Suzanne Danzig, Leslie Maltz, Fran Langendoen, Jane Furman, Serpil Leveen, Donna Karpel, Karen Pennell, John Walters, Lucy Malka, Tracey Fraser, Jean Friedman, Daphne Boss Ayalon, Janet Austin, Anna Fisichella, Pat Fromm, Pat Libutti,

Previous Minutes:

Leslie Maltz motioned to approve the March 25th minutes with no corrections and Serpil Leveen seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as of March 25, 2014.....	\$13,841.98
Balance as of April 22, 2014	\$13,704.68

Corresponding Secretary:

Serpil will send out mid month report & reminder for upcoming meetings. Any notices should be sent to Serpil no later than the 15th of the month. Serpil will then forward notices to Leslie no later than the 25th of the month. Leslie should be cc'd on all correspondence to Serpil.

Presidents Report:

At the March 25th meeting Joseph motioned to appoint Bob Cavagnet as Chair of Membership, however, Bob has since reconsidered and would prefer to be on the committee. John Walters has offered to chair the Membership committee along with his vice President duties.

***Motion:** Joseph motioned to appoint John Walters as chairperson of Membership; Donna Karpel seconded the motion with unanimous approval.

Finance Committee:

Jean Friedman reported that the first meeting of the finance committee was very productive. Considered a 'brain storming' session discussing the use of money, development of guidelines for use of funds and possible scholarships.

Class Liason:

The current MG class was manning a table at an event at Overpeck Park the weekend of April 25th at the request of Joel.

Outreach:

There was an Earth Day event at Polo Ralph Lauren Offices and an excellent turn-out at the event at Wild Birds.

Upcoming events: April 26th Ridgewood needs volunteers for their Earth Day event; "Party for the Plant" at Van Saun Zoo is fully covered.

On May 14th at 3:30 Risa has agreed to organize a program at the Hackensack YMCA.

Fundraising:

The Finance Committee will be responsible for this.

Garden Club Liason:

Several plant sales taking place.

Lucy expressed a concern toward the use of the MG membership list by outside organizations. This is a private list and members should be giving out this information.

Membership:

John Walters was voted in as the new Chairperson of the Membership committee.

Newsletter:

Very little information was given on plant sales, would like more specific information for the Newsletter.

Publicity:

Pat reported a very thorough briefing by outgoing Publicity Chair, Sally Ditton.

There is a Log contest for fellow Master Gardeners. Looking for an original logo which will be copy written. All submissions must be in a PDF format and the deadline is June 1st. Goal to present to the board at the September meeting. Leslie Maltz and Suzanne Danzig will be on the judging committee along with Pat Libutti.

RMGANJ:

John submitted a report from the April 1st meeting. Expenses for the 100th Anniversary conference was discussed. Bergen County MG are responsible for awards this year.

Karen will be taking suggestions for Bergen County candidates for the award for "Excellence".

Sunshine:

Jane reported that Nancy Breslow had a massive stroke and was in critical condition. Janet's husband is reportedly doing well.

Site Coordinator Liason:

It was reported that a "Site Coordinator Fair" will be held during a February MG class possibly at Flat Rock Brook. Any suggestions regarding the Fair will be directed to Karen Pennell.

- Promote sites on web page
- Use Newsletter to promote sites

Speakers Bureau:

Tours and Trips: Risa not present.

Programs:

Tracey reported that the first 'hands on' workshop will take place in May, "Container Gardening. June 17th, Steve Kristoff will speak on "Woody Propagation made Simple".

Writers Bureau:

Daphne reported that the meetings are ongoing brain storming sessions.

Motion: Jane Furman motioned that \$75 be allotted for a fall basket; Karen Pennell second and approved unanimously.

Old Business:

Volunteer Travel Time: It was agreed that we will allow travel time to and from sites be included in your volunteer hours after the first 25 recorded hours. There will be a maximum of 1hr roundtrip, recorded in 15 minute increments and only on top of a minimum of 2hours at a site. This has been approved on a one year trial basis.

Motion: Jane Furman motioned that the Volunteer Travel Time be established on a trial basis for one year; Donna Karpel second and unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50

MASTER GARDENERS OF BERGEN COUNTY

Statement March 25, 2014 – April 22, 2014

Checking Balance	March 25, 2014	\$13,662.98
INCOME	\$ 216.70	
Badges		76.70	
Memberships		140.00	
EXPENSES		\$ 175.00	
Speaker		150.00	
State Meeting Travel		25.00	
Checking Balance	April 22, 2014	\$13,704.68

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Francie Langendoen, Treasurer

Sixteen counties were represented.
Minutes from the March meeting were accepted as corrected.

RCE UPDATE:

Annual Report: as of last month only ½ of the state reports had been submitted. Currently, all reports are in except for one County, Mercer.

100th Anniversary of Cooperative Extension in May:

- Funds will be available through the Dean's Office for table cloths and banners that Counties may use.
- Nick is working with Toni to determine whether pins can be made for this occasion. Nick will present this to the Department, if approved; pins will be handed out, not sold.

National Coordinator's Conference, Oct 8th, 9th and 10th:

2014 CONFERENCE:

- All publications are to say: Serving New Jersey for 30 Years
- Facilities – Speaker AV needs; tables for signings and GM – Terry Zane
 - TBD
- Program – Speaker names – Carla Schan
 - Melinda Meyers, author
 - Kathleen Gagman, peony expert
 - Kent Russell, grower and garden center owner
 - Titles of presentations TBD
- Garden Market – Update on Osmocote offer – Carol Henry
 - Motion made and approved to not pursue this.
- Registration Form – Jane and Pat
 - Mock-up of form was presented.
- Registration Folders – Raffle Tickets
 - Ellen suggested that the raffle tickets be stapled to an insert as opposed to the folder

County Reports.

Bergen: On April 22nd the MG of BC will host a joint meeting with the Master Gardeners of Passaic County. Our guest speaker will be Carol Gracie and the topic will be History of Spring Wildflowers. We anticipate 100 - 120 participants.

We set up our first Writers Bureau with nine contributors covering horticultural and environmental issues, as well as conducting interviews and research reporting. Our trips and tours committee has set up a trip to the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens on Wednesday, May 7th. We are adding a series of workshops for our members, starting with Container Gardening with Stephen Kristoph of the NYBG on May 20th. Future workshops will include propagation, compost tea, rain barrels and hypertufa containers. Our Outreach Committee is busy with scheduling several Earth day events, establishing an outdoor school garden in Paramus, and working on the details of the two day County Harvest Fair. We will be introducing a new Butterfly and Native Plants Garden in conjunction with the Bergen County Audubon Society at Overpeck County Park. Our first task will be to remove invasive plants on May 30 with master gardeners and students.

We added another garden center to our Master Gardeners discount program. Morris County Farms, located in Denville is offering our members a 20% discount on purchases.

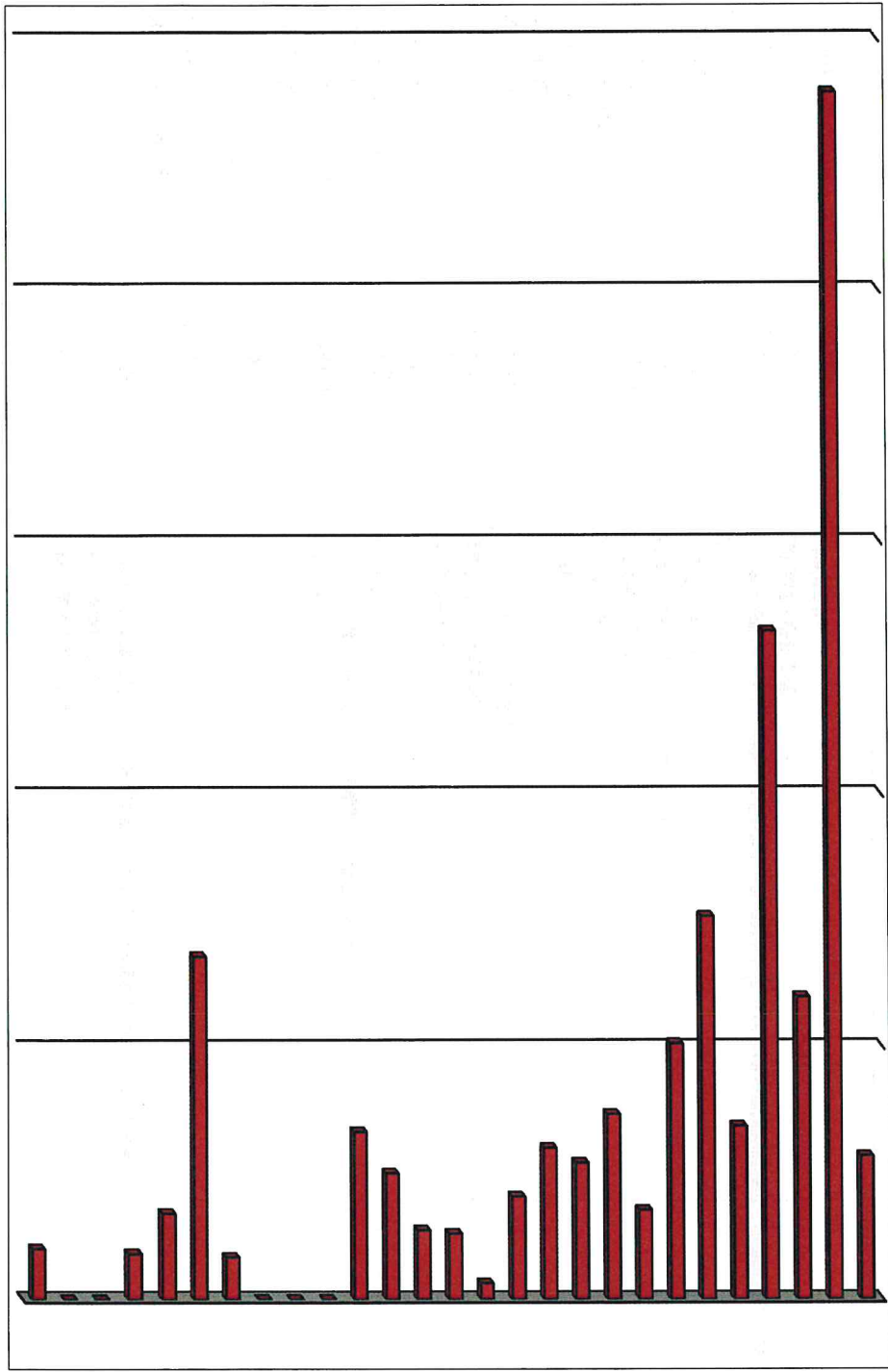
The meeting ended at 12:30pm.

Next meeting is May 6th.

Volunteer Hours as Reported by Master Gardeners and Students

Volunteer Hours by Graduate Year

Graduate Year	Total Hours
1988	100.50
1989	0.00
1990	0.00
1991	91.00
1992	171.00
1993	679.00
1994	83.50
1995	0.00
1996	0.00
1997	0.00
1998	332.75
1999	250.00
2000	137.00
2001	130.50
2002	31.50
2003	203.50
2004	301.00
2005	271.25
2006	367.25
2007	177.00
2008	507.00
2009	759.00
2010	343.50
2011	1324.00
2012	598.75
2013	2393.50
2014	283.50



Master Gardeners Total Hours 6859.00
Students Total Hours 2677.00
Master Gardeners Average By Year 236.91
Master Gardeners & Students Grand Total 9536.00