

MASTER GARDENERS OF BERGEN COUNTY
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING MAY 20, 2014

Meeting called to order by PRESIDENT Joseph Cooper at 5:50 PM

ROLL CALL

Present; J. Cooper, J. Walters, F. Langendoen, S. Leveen, B. Johansson, P. Fromm, L. Malka, H. Annunziata, K. Pennell, J. Furman, R. Marlen, P. Libutti and A. Fisichella.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Due to the absents' of the recording secretary, the minutes for April were not available. They will be presented at our next scheduled meeting on September 23, 2014.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Joseph announced that on Friday May 30, at 10:00 AM the class of 2014 will be helping with the Butterfly and Native plant garden at Overpeck Park. He asked for volunteers to assist with this project. Joseph also mentioned the annual summer picnic, No site or date has been chosen. He will look into a venue.

Joseph thanked all who helped with Earth day fairs and exhibits.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Income for April.....\$466.65
Expenses.....\$959.01
Balance as of 5/20...\$13,212.12

NOMINATIONS FOR EXCELLENCE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Karen Pennell announced that Albina Daukantas and Marion Stark have been chosen this year's recipients. They will receive their awards at the Rutgers's fall conference.

ARCHIVIST

Barbara Johansson reported a biographic of Cliff Gerenz and the purchase of a new album.

GARDEN CLUBS

Lucy Malka will host a tea party for representatives of the garden clubs to discuss speakers and networking. The meeting will be held at One Bergen Plaza, on Tuesday May 29 at 6:45 PM.

HOSPITALITY

Hank Annunziata wanted to thank Carol and Dennis Gretchen for the great job they did by hosting the refreshments for the joint meeting of the Master Gardeners of Bergen and Passaic Counties.

TRIPS AND TOURS

Risa Marlen, The group's most recent trip was to Brooklyn Botanical Gardens, 26 attended and all enjoyed their day there, despite that only one Docent was present for all tours. The next scheduled trip is to Princeton Garden on June 26th. The limit is 20 persons, at this time the trip is full.

Risa is looking to put together a tour to Wells Sweet Herb Garden sometime in July. The tour can accommodate up to 40 guests.

PUBLICITY

Pat Libutti reported she contacted several newspapers to publish an article about Master Gardeners of Bergen County Logo contest. President Joseph said he has run into this situation and will give Pat a hand to accomplish this.

STATE DELEGATES TO M.G. ASSOCIATION

Jane Furman reported Rutgers will host a National Fall Conference at the New Brunswick campus on October 8,9 and 10. It was suggested at the meeting by Nick Poulin the Rutgers liaison that each County supplies a poster for the event. Details to make each one different will be discuss.

Bruce Crawford who manages the Rutgers garden is looking for volunteers in July. The multi-year project whose theme will be plants through history, starting with prehistoric plants to today's hybrids.

Much discussion on the annual Master Gardeners State fall Conference, which is traditionally held on the first Saturday of October. This year the date falls on a religious holiday, so some people want to change the date. The Rutgers policy is that no scheduled classes or events are cancelled for this reason. Before the meeting was adjourned a message was received from the Rutgers President asking we change the date or cancel. MORE TO COME.

SUNSHINE

Jane Furman reported, John Moorhead is now at Van Dykes in Ridgewood but will soon be going back to Tuxedo N.Y.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM