

**Master Gardeners of Bergen County
Board of Directors Minutes for
October 27, 2015**

Meeting was called to order by President Cooper at 5:45

Present at the meeting: Joseph Cooper, Suzanne Danzig, Fran Langendoen, Donna Karpel, Hank Annunziata, Pat Libutti, Donna Faustini, Josie Ko, Karen Pennell, Janet Schulz, John Walters, Lucy Malka,

Presidents Report:

Graduation for class of 2015 is Saturday Nov. 14, at McFaul. Virginia Korteweg will address the class, she will assist at building relationship with County executives.

New Class Breakfast is scheduled for Nov. 13. Board members should arrive around 9:00 to assist in set up and wear name tags.

Passaic MG would like to hold another joint MG meeting, with joint funds for a speaker this could allow us to hire someone we might not normally be able to afford. Donna Faustini will contact Passaic MG to make arrangements. They would also like to hold a joint 'daytime' event as well.

Recording Secretary:

September minutes were approved pending the changes discussed at the meeting, Suzanne will resend minutes with corrections.

Due to missing May minutes all board members who were in attendance will review any notes or reports that they had for that meeting so that Suzanne can reconstruct the minutes. Please e-mail any notes to Suzanne Danzig

Treasurer's Report:

May20-September 29, 2015:

Balance as of May 20, 2015.....	\$11,590.05
Income:.....	\$0.00
Expenses:.....	\$606.60
Balance as of September 29, 2015.....	\$10,983.45

September 29-October 27, 2015:

Balance as of September 29, 2015.....	\$10,983.45
Income:.....	\$90.00
Expenses:.....	\$694.52
Balance as of October 27, 2015.....	\$10,379.93

Joseph Cooper needs to be on the account as well as Treasurer.

Corresponding Secretary:

Serpil not in attendance.

Class Liaison:

New class liaison has yet to be appointed.

Outreach Events and Volunteers:

The only event scheduled for October was Ridgewood Wellness Day on October 4th, but canceled participation due to lack of volunteers. No further events scheduled for the rest of the year. Due to Family commitments Pat Fromm will have to step down as Outreach Chair for the upcoming year. Pat enjoyed working with her fellow Master Gardeners.

Pat Fromm researched the Post Office Box at 33 E. Midland Ave., Paramus...the lobby window hours are 7:30am-6:00pm. We can hire a box but someone's name MUST be on the account ie. corresponding secretary with an easy transfer each year or two. The cost is \$102.00 for one year. May want to consider the actual location as the Paramus post office gets dreadful reviews. We may want to consider a more central location in Bergen County.

Garden Club Liaison:

Lucy reported that everything is status quo.

Archivist:

Continue to seek replacement for this position.

Publicity:

Pat Libutti prepared an extensive report for Publicity last May, however the entire report was not transmitted so I am attaching her report for review. Pat is unable to continue as Publicity Chair and suggests we look for a replacement.

Hospitality:

Hank mentioned that Albena is very busy during the holidays but would be happy to prepare decorations for Holiday party at her house along with volunteers.

Membership:

John and Fran are managing the membership process well.

Newsletter:

Janet would like to list the upcoming meetings in the newsletter. Donna has provided a calendar.

RMGANJ:

The 2015 RMGANJ Conference speakers were Ms. Kerry Ann Mendez, Ms. Margaret Roach, Dr. Sara Drew. The conference was very well done and sold out. The Excellence Award pins for Bergen County were given to Lida Gellman and Carolyn Gretchen. Agnes Adler, Maureen Campion, Gallya Gordon, Marily Guidette, Ardie Runckel were recognized for 25 years of service. The 25 year pins will be distributed at tonight's meeting by Joseph Cooper with congratulations to all.

Site Coordinator Liaison:

Garretson Farm: Sunday November 29th from 1-4 pm, the homestead is offering a Wreath Making Workshop using fresh greens, wisteria vine and dried bounty from the gardens. Further details in the newsletter and on their website.

Tours and Trips:

Joseph would like to do the MG Home Tours this spring. Josie will look into any issues with insurance and how other tours are handled. She will ask Bruce as it relates to our 501-C designation.

Nominating Committee:

The proposed slate of officers was presented for a vote.

President: Joseph Cooper

Vice President: Joe Pappa

Treasurer: Bruce Walenczyk

Corresponding Secretary: Serpil Leveen

Recording Secretary: Suzanne Danzig

Volunteers Records:

Donna Karpel has offered to organize a lesson on how to record volunteer and education hours on the website. Donna will host a brief tutorial at the next MG meeting at 7:00 sharp. I suppose we should let the members know so they are there on time. It was recommended she do a YouTube video. Part of the issue is that the program is too old, the State is talking about upgrading the national format.

New Business:

John would like Membership directory to be in electronic format from now on with the exception of those members who receive the newsletter by mail.

***Motion:** Joseph Cooper made a motion that the directory be in electronic format in the future and only offer printed copy to those who get the Potting Shed by mail or who have requested a printed copy and will pay for the postage. Donna Karpel second, all in favor.

Old Business:

We are still looking for an equipment manager, someone who is always at the meetings and electronics savvy.

Karen has a 10x10 canopy available for use by MG.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10



Suzanne Danzig <suzannedanzig@gmail.com>

vote at MG meeting

1 message

Pennell <pennellfamily@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 16, 2015 at 8:04 AM

To: Suzanne Danzig <suzannedanzig@gmail.com>, Joseph Cooper <Joseph@mgofbc.org>

Cc: Lucille Malka <lhalka@optonline.net>, Carol Thielke <muddygloves@hotmail.com>

Hello Suzanne and Joseph

I hope you are doing well.

Just wanted to let you know the procedure for the voting Tuesday night at the Master Gardener meeting. In accordance with the bylaws, the Recording Secretary will call the ballot, see below.

Section 4 The nominating committee consisting of three members including the Chair shall be appointed by the President and the Executive Board at the September Executive Board meeting. The current President may not be a member of this committee. The slate of candidates may not have members of the nominating committee. The committee shall present a slate of officers at the October Executive Board meeting for confirmation and/or revision. The slate of candidates will be presented at the October general meeting at which time nominations from the floor will be accepted with the consent of the nominee. At the November meeting, if there is only one nominee for each office, the Recording Secretary will cast a unanimous ballot for the entire slate. Voting shall be by a show of hands. When there is more than one nominee for any office, voting shall be by written ballot. The nominee receiving a majority of votes by certified Master Gardeners present will be elected.

The slate of officers

President Joseph Cooper
Vice-president Joe Papa
Treasurer Bruce Walenczyk
Recording Secretary Suzanne Danzig
Corresponding Secretary Serpil Leveen

If you have any questions please let me know. We can review before the meeting if you like.

Karen Pennell