

**Master Gardeners of Bergen County  
Board of Directors Minutes for  
May 24, 2016**

Meeting was called to order by President Cooper at 5:40

**Present at the meeting:** Joseph Cooper, Suzanne Danzig, Donna Karpel, Hank Annunziata, Donna Faustini, Janet Schulz, Noel Schulz, Serpil Leveen, Bruce Walencyk, Joe Papa, Melody Corcoran, Karen Pennell, Lucy Malka,

**Presidents Report:**

Wyckoff Garden Club is hosting a dedication of bench for Sally Ditton, Janet Shchulz will mention this in newsletter.

'Sunshine' will place a message in the newsletter to encourage members to send cards to Carol. Albena reported that Carol looks and sounds great considering her condition. Discussion of a fundraiser to present Carol with a picnic table in her honor sometime this summer. Leslie Maltz will be handling this and Serpil will send a letter to members so as to keep it out of the newsletter. Dale Reid's retirement celebration will take place at Rohsler's Nursery on June 10<sup>th</sup> from 10-12. A budget of \$250 was approved.

John Walters sent Joseph Cooper the new directory so that Joseph can have a few copies printed for those members who need a hard copy.

We have been asked to consider two new sites;

*Davies Arboretum & Wildlife Preserve* in Demerest. Jessica Wang and Beverly ??? lead the crew, this is an established site and they have funding. Is this too far? Karen Pennell indicated that we already have 17 sites on our plate but this is an established site with 3-5 MGs already working there along with education programs and a 'Train Garden'. Joe Papa suggested we take it on a trial basis for 3 years.

\*MOTION: Karen Pennell made a motion that we take it on as trial for 3 years. Joseph Cooper seconded with all in favor.

The second site is the *William Carlos William House* in Rutherford, NJ. This is part of the Meadowlands Museum. Tom Bryant recommended that we consider this as a site but Tom has not been an active MG for several years. Karen and Joseph suggested that Tom become an active/certified member before we consider this as a site. We will revisit this at the January meeting.

**Vice President:** Joe Papa will be taking over Dale's position at the Rutgers Cooperative Extension.

**Recording Secretary:**

\*MOTION: Karen Pennell motioned to approve March and April minutes and Donna Karpel seconded.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Opening Balance as of February 8, 2016.....	\$14,565.53
Income: .....	\$1,269.00
Expenses: .....	\$3,948.72
Balance as of May 24, 2016.....	\$11,885.81

Bruce Walenczyk reported that there was an additional \$80 in dues that came in since his report. (**\$600 Long House reserves' Bruce please clarify**) Bruce was told that there was a 15 month grace period to reinstate 501-3C, we have well exceeded that grace period. Looking into setting up electronic payments options.

**Corresponding Secretary:**

**Outreach Events and Volunteers:**

**Garden Club Liaison:**

May26th is the Garden Club Tea to discuss speakers and membership.

**Class Liaison:**

**Archivist:**

Continue to seek replacement for this position.

**Publicity:**

Denise George was introduced as the new chair. Pat reported that Facebook has been up for the last 2 months.

**Hospitality:**

MG Picnic will take place on June 21<sup>st</sup> at Van Saun Park Section 'I' from 12-2. Hank invited Joel ant eh new class.

**Membership:**

John not in attendance.

**Newsletter:**

Janet requested that we get articles in on time.

**RMGANJ: (Karen please elaborate on your report, this is all I had)**

Working on preparations for MG Conference in October.  
The winners for MG Awards for Excellence are Suzanne Danzig and Jeffrey Chan.  
MGofBC will pay for the lunches for the nominees.

**Site Coordinator Liaison:**

**Tours and Trips:**

Josie reported that a18-19 were signed up to go on May 31<sup>st</sup> trip to 'Flying Trillium"  
Only 15 have signed up for the trip to Easthampton to "Long House Reserve", but she needs at least 45 so push the trip.

**Programs:**

Dates are approved for next years meetings, please make suggestions for speakers.

**Volunteers Records:**

**Speakers Bureau:**

Not a lot to report on, 3 people signed up but did not follow-up.

**Old Business:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:06

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