

**Master Gardeners of Bergen County
Board of Directors Minutes for
May 22, 2018**

Meeting was called to order by President Gretchen at 5:43 pm.

Present at the meeting: Carolyn Gretchen, Dennis Gretchen, Melody Corcoran, Hank Annunziata, Josie Ko, Karen Pennell, Miriam Taub, Patrick Lull, Janet Schulz, Mark PENCHINAR, Karen Riede, Suzanne Danzig, Donna Karpel, Dorothy Penkalski, Smadar Shemmesh, Donna Dorgan

Presidents Report:

We received lovely compliments from Passaic MG's for the warm welcome they received at the joint April meeting. This is becoming a much-anticipated annual event.

Carolyn reported that Joel would like the class to take charge of the planning of the Fall Festival. Donna Dorgan reported that the class broke down into groups and are beginning to discuss the plans and theme for the Fall Festival.

Carolyn and Dennis went shopping with the Veteran's Home to purchase tools and then went Rohsler's to purchase annuals. An organization by the name of Jersey Cares built raised beds.

There are several videos for MGs to access and utilize on the Rutgers website, these videos have been approved for education credits.

Vice President:

Nothing to report.

Recording Secretary:

Motion: Melody Corcoran motioned to approve last month's minutes, Patrick Lull seconded, and all were in favor.

Corresponding Secretary:

Smadar thanked Carolyn for arranging e-mail blasts. It was recommended that the blasts be sent out with BCC's.

Treasurer's Report:

Opening balance as of March 31, 2018.....	\$12,824.59
Income:	\$0.00
Expenses:	\$116.20
Balance as of March 31, 2018.....	\$12,708.39

***Motion:** Karen Pennell motioned that the treasurer's report be approved, Donna Karpel seconded and all were in favor.

Community Outreach Events and Volunteers:

This weekend's Earthfest at Overpeck was successful (Karen can attest to that).

Karen Pennell asked about purchasing pens or something to hand out at events. Karen Pennell will investigate pricing and we will then vote on a budget.

Garden Club Liaison:

Nothing to report.

Class Liaison:

Donna Dorgan reported that Friday is the last in-classroom class for the year. The class will be planting at Garretson Forge and Farm and final class will be at the NJBG. The tee shirts should be done by September for the Fall Festival. It was suggested that the class year be put on future tee shirts.

Speakers Bureau:

Arnie was not present but reported to the board that he lectured this month to RUTHERFORD's Green Team- community garden. Arnie spoke on the historic development of the American lawn and replacing with no-mow lawns and other alternatives. It was very well received. Master Gardeners in the audience suggested that this was an important lecture that should be given to our membership. Perhaps you can suggest this to our program committee.

Publicity:

Patrick is working on organizing the food for graduation for class of 2018. Asked about the board doing food, but it was discussed that it is tradition for the previous class to do the food. Graduation is Saturday, November 17, 2018.

Patrick also asked about fundraising, but we were short on time, so Karen will discuss this at another meeting.

Hospitality:

MG Picnic is June 12th at Van Saun pavilion I from 12-4, rain or shine and the current class is invited.

Membership:

Terri was not present, no report.

Newsletter:

Nothing to report.

Website:

Joseph was not present, but it was reported by Donna Karpel that there were still several glitches that needed to be worked out.

Rutgers Cooperative Extension:

Karen Riede had no report this month.

RMGANJ:**MASTER GARDENER'S COORDINATOR'S REPORT:**

Nick Polanin reported that the videos from Jazzing up Your Garden Knowledge are available on <https://www.youtube.com/user/RutgersNJAES/playlists>. One can go to Home first and see all the videos that are available. Master Gardeners can get CEU credits by watching them, but it is best to check in advance with your coordinator. There is a job search underway for Passaic County Master Gardener Coordinator. Nick reported that Working with Children Training requirements are on hold. Gayle Williams asked about liability insurance – are we covered by Rutgers? Answer is yes, volunteer employee accident reports need to be filled out – county and Rutgers. There was discussion on different

situations and the need for waivers from non-Master Gardeners. Talia Zirin, Nick's admin, can get Certificates of Insurance for Master Gardeners if needed. She can be reached at zirin@njaes.rutgers.edu. 848-932-3590. Her hours are 8am to 4pm.

Nick also reported that there is a new tick in town, the Longhorn/East Asian tick. Very little is known about this tick and what diseases it causes in humans and livestock. Rutgers has submitted a grant to research diseases for humans and livestock.

Conference updates:

Apparel sales: A motion was made that the Master Gardener State organization should not get involved in selling apparel. A second motion was made, which was to document the work that has been done and the ordering procedure, so apparel ordering can be turned over to the counties.

Sunshine:

Sent certificate to Inge Langer, she sent a thank you notes, Dennis read it to the board.

Site Coordinator Liaison:

Nothing to report.

Tours and Trips:

Still no chair. Josie is canceling the Hortulus tour as there was not enough interest.

Programs:

Foraging today at Thielke Arboretum with Paul Tappendum, a little damp but well attended and very interesting.

September speaker is Virginia Lamb on 'Composting'. In the works is Dr. Robert Lyons from Rutgers who is a retired botanist but still active in the Rutgers Garden. Perhaps a lecture on figs, if anyone is interested.

In addition, if there is interest, we can do a tour of the Rutgers Organic Garden, headed by Arianna Lindbergh, who presented to us back in February. There is a \$10 fee per person on weekdays and \$12 on weekends. The contact person to schedule a tour is Nancy Herbert, herbertn@sebs.rutgers.edu

Volunteer Records:

Donna Karpel reported that records are complete.

Archivist:

Dorothy received the last box of archive materials from Clifford Gerenz on the night of our last MG meeting, April 24, 2018

Old Business:

-Karen Pennell investigated having a pin made for our "Lifetime" members using the NJ tree. She can get 10 for \$42 +tax and shipping. This pin would be pewter. It was recommended that we approve a \$100 budget for this pin in pewter.

***Motion:** Donna Karpel motioned that we approve this expense, Carolyn seconded and all were in favor.

-Joel met with Jim Koth to discuss some issues. The Rutgers videos are approved as educational hours

New Business:

Donna Karpel pitched for additional help at McFaul for a major planting project.

Janet Schulz was presented with flowers at the board meeting in honor of her 30-year membership. Congratulations Janet!

Foraging tour at Thielke a little damp but very good.

Back-up access for website and Facebook are Smadar Shemmesh and Patrick Lull.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.