

Brunswick County Master Gardener Volunteer Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President, Shirley Waggoner-Eisenman, at 9:00 a.m. In attendance were: Patty Burns, Joe Loughlin, Dominique Loewenstein, Fred Mina, Cathie Rod, Al Smith, Charlie Spencer, Ash Tyler, Shirley Waggoner-Eisenman, and Grace Wrigley.

Minutes of the March 20, 2008 board meeting were accepted as information.

Master Gardener, Cathie Rod:

She is currently working on two projects. The first project consists of putting together a pamphlet on the Restitution Program similar to the Brunswick County Botanical Garden pamphlet. An information sheet was passed out for everyone's input and/or corrections and she will work mainly through Ash for the correct information. The second project is to include an interview with a Master Gardener(s) on a monthly basis which will go into the newsletter. The board agreed that this idea is worth a try and Cathie will take on the responsibility for getting the information to Joe each month for the newsletter.

Newsletter Editor, Joe Loughlin:

He received a suggestion for a name for the newsletter from Paula Cline, a new 2008 class member, "Growing Together - Brunswick County and BCMGVA". He will ask her to draw up a design for the next board meeting. Shirley asked Joe to start making membership cards once Charlie gives him the list of eligible members. Also a list should be given to Dominique so she can collect dues from those who have not paid.

Hardscape, Fred Mina:

He completed an inventory of available lumber and the useable lumber was put aside but more will have to be ordered for repairs and upkeep as needed. The ramp is expected to be completed today with weather permitting.

Treasurer, Al Smith:

As of 4/21/08, the budget had a balance is \$23,110.69. He indicated that the revenue for the 2008 plant sale was \$19,375 up about 10% over the 2007 plant sale revenue of \$17,966. He also stated that we were rejected in getting an account at Lowe's home goods due to not having a personal guarantor. When one is established, we can then reapply for an account.

Greenhouse/Restitution, Ash Tyler:

He indicated that five large plants will be donated to the botanical garden. The projected 2008/2009 Restitution budget will be \$10,500.

Vice President, Grace Wrigley:

She is still working with David on setting up speakers for the 2009 general meetings.

Secretary, Patty Burns:

She suggested the future plant sales should have experienced Master Gardeners work along with the new class members. A sign-up sheet for the May plant sale will be passed around at the April general meeting.

Coordinator, Charlie Spencer:

The two new classes are really into participating in activities such as the plant sale and the Supply school project. The May seminars will be put in the newspaper shortly and he has enough volunteers to help. He indicated that after the May seminars all efforts will be directed to working on the state conference. The next plant sale will be in October after the conference.

President, Shirley Waggoner-Eisenman:

She indicated there was a nice article on the Master Gardener program in the "Our State" magazine which is worth reading. Also Bette Rose is now the secretary for the Master Gardeners.

Regarding the conference, Shirley stated the Master Gardeners in Brunswick County can purchase a vendor booth for \$35.00 to sell Gardening by the Month books and plants. She will be announcing at the general meeting that if anyone has plants, paintings, or any other items to donate, they will be used for a door prize or the silent action. A bookstore booth will also be set up by Pelican Books who will sell gardening books. Donations are starting to come in from various organizations. Sufficient funds are needed as soon as possible to cover the costs of announcements and postage. An update meeting for state conference chairs will be held after Thursday's general meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Burns, Recording Secretary