

**Brunswick County Master Gardener Volunteer Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by President, Shirley Waggoner-Eisenman, at 9:05 a.m. In attendance were: David Barkley, Patty Burns, Joe Loughlin, Fred Mina, Lynn Schwartzkopf, Al Smith, Charlie Spencer, Shirley Waggoner-Eisenman, and Grace Wrigley.

Minutes of the September 18, 2008 board meeting were accepted as information.

Treasurer, Al Smith stated the current monthly budget shows a balance ending of approximately \$7,000. He will have an updated budget available for the October general meeting showing the conference, plant sales, expenses, etc. He sent in the first sales tax for September but has made no progress on filing taxes with the IRS. Al also gave an update on the NCSU/Extension website being developed by NCSU.

Coordinator, Charlie Spencer introduced Brad Kammer who is being hired to replace Jim Blake and whose primary responsibility will be the botanical garden.

Vice President, Grace Wrigley indicated there are still three vacancies for speakers next year and she is working with David on filling them.

Secretary, Patty Burns mentioned that Cathie Rod is replacing Peggy Meinzer as Corresponding Secretary and asked Joe to change the name in the newsletter.

Hardscape, Fred Mina indicated he is just doing maintenance board replacement at this time.

Newsletter Editor, Joe Loughlin said he needs more bios on our MG's for the newsletters. Shirley indicated we also need to get more people interested in getting articles to Joe about what they are doing. Fred Mina offered to write a report on the conference for the next newsletter.

Hort Agent, David Barkley said the conference was a great success with the hard work of all the volunteers and Shirley's leadership. He will be doing the "Green Living" exhibit at the State Fair on 10/26 and Ash Tyler will have his begonia in the flower show. We also have commitments for the regional fair and expo at the Wilmington airport. There are two projects we are looking at: 1.) A demonstration with pig poop product and not, sun and shade, with the different kinds of Encore azaleas; 2.) Continue across Building F with plantings. He then gave an update of the national junior horticultural trip to Spartanburg.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Burns, Recording Secretary