

Brunswick County Master Gardener Volunteer Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2008

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

Minutes of the August 21, 2008 board meeting were accepted as information.

Treasurer, Al Smith stated the current monthly budget shows a balance ending September 17, 2008 of \$11,487.55. He sent a request to the state for sales tax information and also has to look into whether the BCMGVA has to file with the IRS. A discussion followed as to what we have to pay taxes on and what we don't. It was determined that sales tax does not have to be paid on items that we resell but tax does have to be paid on items for consumption. Also, he stated that there is no one to maintain the website and suggested continuing with Lisa Miner as webmaster for next year. Shirley suggested that Al look into creating a link from the associate website to the webmaster for any address or email changes. Al volunteered to put together the budget for 2009 since there will be a new Treasurer next year.

Greenhouse/Restitution, Ash Tyler stated that next week he and Charlie will be buying plants for Sunset Beach and Sea Trails. He said there are currently 16 enrolled in the Restitution Program.

Hardscape, Fred Mina stated the garden stream has been cleaned out and there is small deck work and a lot of garden work to be done before the conference.

Vice President, Grace Wrigley indicated there is nothing new on speakers. David said he has not heard back from Keith Baldwin about switching months.

Secretary, Patty Burns said she sent an email to the Don Cannady and Sue Fogle about providing refreshments for next Thursday's general meeting.

Coordinator, Charlie Spencer stated that the school board has cancelled the Life on the Farm program for this fall because of funding. He is hopeful that the program can be resumed in the spring. He said an email has gone out to all MG's on the remainder of this year's activities. He is lining up trucks to pick up and take plants, tables, etc. to Sea Trails for the conference. He mentioned that the Gardening by the Month have really been a money maker. The plant sale has been changed to October 16, 17, and 18th and a sign up sheet will be passed around at the general meeting next week. He said he will be gone for several weeks and Ash Tyler will be having a knee operation on November 11 and lots of plants will be coming in during that time.

Hort Agent, David Barkley said he visited with a Maureen Moore, a new class member who has cancer. He said he sent out an email asking for volunteers for several workdays before the conference to get the gardens prepared for guests.

President, Shirley Waggoner- Eisenman asked Charlie to send out an email reminding people about stuffing tote bags on Monday, 9/29, at 8:30 a.m. She stated that a lot of help is needed on Sunday, Oct.5th, and Monday, Oct. 6th, at Sea Trails to set up the silent auction and table decorations. An announcement will be made at the general meeting. Patty suggested sending out an email to all MG's to try and fill the conference tours since there are still openings.

The meeting was adjourned at 9: 38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Burns, Recording Secretary