

Brunswick County Master Gardener Volunteer Association
General Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2008

President, Shirley Waggoner-Eisenman called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. There were 32 in attendance. Don Cannady and Sue Fogle were thanked for providing the refreshments.

Recording Secretary, Patty Burns read the minutes of the August 28, 2008 meeting which were accepted as read.

Coordinator, Charlie Spencer stated the fall plant sale will be 10/16, 17, & 18 and a sign-up sheet is being passed around. We have been invited to participate in a plant clinic/plant sale on Saturday, 10/4, at Sunset Beach adjacent to the Ingram Planetarium where we will be selling plants and Gardening by the Month books. Sam Bellamy from Indigo Farms is interested in organic farming and, if anyone is interested, give him a call.

Treasurer, Allen Smith stated the balance ending as of September 24, 2008 is \$8,632.14. He said we should end the year with approximately an \$8500 carryover which is about \$2000 less than last year's carryover. This year, he projected high and had high revenues for the plant sales and also had two unbudgeted items (\$7,000 trailer and \$4000 for greenhouse fans). With respect to the 2009 budget, he sent out an email to all committee chairs for their input on any additional budget items. He indicated are registered as a "Not for Profit" organization and also are registered with the state to pay sales tax at a rate of 6.5%. We also have to file a state and federal tax return.

Greenhouse/Restitution, Ash Tyler stated that inmates recently built twelve tables for the greenhouse to hold plants. Fans and shutters should be hooked up this week then the new top can be put on. He said we have just received 180 grass plugs and will be receiving a lot more during the next few months. He and Charlie are going to various nurseries to purchase more plants.

Vice President, Grace Wrigley stated there is no schedule change in next year's speakers.

Newsletter, Shirley reminded everyone that Cathie Rod will be doing the October newsletter while Joe is on vacation so articles should be sent to her by 10/5.

Hort Agent, David Barkley thanked BCMGVA's monetary support to the horticultural judging team representing NC at the national junior horticultural meeting in October. He is looking for samples to use for training of a basswood leaf and a red tip photinia showing new growth. He stated he will be preparing a report due in January on Brunswick county horticultural programs and might need a volunteer to give the presentation. He also needs volunteers to help with the Cape Fear Fair and Expo which will be held 10/30 through 11/8. He said we also have two fellow Master Gardeners who are battling cancer – Happy McCrary and Maureen Moore.

President, Shirley Waggoner-Eisenman said she just met with the people who are working on the 2009 conference. Tote bags for the conference will be stuffed on Monday, 9/29, beginning at

8:30 a.m. Patty Burns gave a registration update of the conference and tours. Dominique Loewenstein and Lynn Schwartzkopf gave a detailed update of the three tours being offered. Help is needed with selling raffle tickets.

The meeting was adjourned followed by a presentation from Ronda Sherman on Vermicomposting.

Next general meeting will be October 23 with speaker Toby Bost. Refreshments will be provided by Linda Lemieux and Lois Myers.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Burns, Recording Secretary