

**JCC/WMASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING
January 15, 2010**

PRESENT: J. Giffin, P. Janot, L. Lucas, J. Millin, N. Pressly, L. Wever

MAJOR DECISIONS MADE:

1. Propose to membership up to \$2000. donation for shed at Matthey's garden with contingencies.
2. MG Dinner scheduled for January 13, 2011
3. S. Giandomenico resigns from Plant Sale Committee. A steering committee is formed.

The minutes from the December 18 minutes were approved.

The treasurer reported:

General account balance	\$8873.60
Dec. receipts	1110.00
Dec. expenditures	469.79
Training account balance	4259.99
Tree Stewards	569.99
Dues	1500.00
Dinner	935.00

There will be more comment on the status of expenditures at the next general meeting.

VMGA Nelda Pressly

The VMGA Mini College "The Cutting Edge" on March 27 at VSU in Ettrick, Va was announced. Member cost will be \$12.00 and non-members \$22.00. Registration opens Jan 15 with forms available at vmga.net

PROJECTS Jeanne Millin

The 2010 project descriptions on the website should facilitate interns and others to respond to the letter concerning commitment to specific projects.

An early spring meeting of project managers will be announced soon.

Project managers need updated project descriptions. It was suggested that Jeanne request that managers update the descriptions with goals and objectives.

ADMINISTRATION J. Giffin

There will be a Membership Committee meeting today. The basic functions of the committee are divided as shown below:

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| 1. Guidelines and Annual Review | Pat Crowe |
| 2. Roster upkeep | John Giffin and Evi Oakley |
| 3. VA State membership | Nancy Harding |
| 4. MG transfers | Evi Oakley |

Note: Robert Staskil of New Kent is included on the committee.

A Recertification Update letter is to be sent this month to the membership. Project interest and skills survey will be included. The letter will be signed by Linda Lucas, Doris Heath. It was suggested that a sentence be added to the letter indicating that there are many project activities that do not require physical work.

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Dinner Recap

Cost – The dinner cost less that the \$15.00 charge. Next year cost needs to be brought more in line with the actual cost. It was suggested that we choose a different menu for next year.

Date - The church needs us to schedule the event earlier than we have been doing
The date was set for January 13, 2011.

Program – Everyone was in favor of having the graduation first, followed by dinner, then the awards with the program last.

Jeanne Millin will write a newsletter article about the honored projects.

Plant Sale Update

Susan Giandomenico has resigned from the committee. Dennis Wool, Gerry Babski, will be co chairs. A steering committee has been set up including Debbie Secrist, Toddy Voorhees and Carol Fryer or another board member if Carol cannot attend. The planning committee will meet Jan. 28 at 10:00 in Room C at the library.

Small Groups

It was suggested that neighborhood groups be formed to promote opportunities for better acquaintance among members who might like to organize activities.

Board Job Descriptions

Board members are asked to review present job descriptions before nominations for next year begins.

INTERNAL EDUCATION C. Fryer

2010 Training Class Budget

Several points were made about the budget:

1. We need to monitor what is being spent so we can determine what our actual costs are to run the training program and whether we exceed the budgeted amount (for planning next year).
2. Linda Lucas will look at the dinner costs and report how much to transfer to the training account.
3. The class is proposing to order a book, VA Native Trees, from the Department of Forestry. Action: Mary Liz will gather the orders, and send an order form to Linda Wever who will process the order.

Note: New Information: individual trainees will purchase loupes as they desire, rather than a group purchase.

Pruning Class

The pruning class has about 40 applicants for the pruning-at-home lessons; four workshops are scheduled and a teaching class for the trainees.

Field Trip to the National Arboretum

The Herb Society is going to the Herb Garden at the National Arboretum in mid May. We were not able to coordinate efforts with them. They may draw several of our MGs for their trip, but we will definitely proceed with our MG trip the last week in May.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Funding the new Matthey's Garden Shed

There is a formal request by Sally Sissel, Art Gustafson, and Dan Tevlin that the Master Gardeners Board authorize donated funds to share the cost of building the new shed in Matthey's garden. It is recognized that the Farmer's Market would have access to and use of one third of the shed. The cost estimate is \$6500 and it has been suggested that Master Gardeners donate one third of that cost. There was a question about why MG would donate to this school garden shed and not others that exist in the county. It was emphasized that this shed would be used by the Farmer's Market project. There is a major question about MG having continued legal access to school division property and any liability. It is suggested that we need to have a "Memo of Understanding" to include liability issues and the approval of the membership. The board decided to propose a pledge of up to \$2000 contingent upon an approved Memo of Understanding that clarifies liability issues. The Board will seek the approval of the membership based on the Memo of Understanding.

Nominating Committee

Suggestions for the nominating committee were made and John will follow through to announce a committee and committee chair by the March general meeting.

Parks and Recreation "Destination Recreation Expo" February 20

Master Gardeners Association will not participate in the environmental event scheduled at the Recreation Center from 9:00 to 1:00.

Submitted by Pat Janot
Secretary

