

JCC/W Master Gardeners Board
Meeting 24 October 2008
Minutes
Prepared by Dave Banks

- Present: Doris Heath, Dave Banks, Judy Hansen, John Giffin, Nelda and Jim Pressly, Charlier Clapper, Carol Fryer, Sarah Dougherty
- Status: Issues regarding recruiting a new agent/Doris update
 - Doris focused on serious state- and county-level budget and staffing issues which preclude a full time agent at the present time. She has submitted a request to use the available funds to hire a part-time person as soon as possible.
 - Doris described the present funding situation regarding Turflove and the need to resolve that prior to anticipating action on the part-time agent request.
- MG class registration—status
 - There are 16 persons registered for the class as of 10/24.
- Project chair vacancies: Publicity. Sue Liddell's name was suggested as a possible candidate.
- Project chair meeting date. The date is TBD but at this point a meeting at the Human Services Center would be best. We will return to the practice of featuring one project at each MG General meeting so people can learn more about each key effort.
- 2009 Budget Final Approval
 - Plant Sale receipts were down for 2008, but dues were up.
 - After discussion it was decided that honoraria to the Williamsburg Library and to the WUU Church were operating expenses from the Monthly Meetings and Annual Dinner line items respectively. The honorarium to the Human Services Center (or to its tenant the Old Towne Medical Center) was to come from the Training budget.
 - Minigrant application solicitation letters were ready to be sent, but in light of the present budget they will not be sent—Judy Hansen moved, Carol Fryer seconded, to have NO minigrants in 2009. Motion was approved.
 - Sarah Dougherty presented a (balanced) budget for Board approval. Judy Hansen moved, Nelda Pressly seconded, to approve it. Motion was approved. The final budget will be presented to the membership at the December General meeting.
- Pending items list review—see updated list
- VMGA Report—The MG Training Manual update has been delayed and the 2009 class will use the older version. Delivery is expected in 2009 but date is TBD.
- December Board meeting, DB home. Christmas potluck