

**JCC/W MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING**  
**November 20, 2009**

**MAJOR DECISIONS MADE:**

1. 2009 donations were chosen
2. 2010 Budget was approved
3. The *Diagnostic Clinic*, *CW Greenhouse*, and Habitat for Humanity projects changed designation.
4. MG Inactive Policy approved Jan. 1. 2010
5. Plant Sale Committee formed.

**PRESENT:** D. Banks, J. Giffin, C. Fryer, P. Janot, L. Lucas, J. Millin, J. Pressly,  
L. Wever

**Reports:**

The minutes of the October meeting were approved with correction.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed and approved.

General Account	\$9168.48
Expenses to date	177.66
Training Account	7118.14
Tree Stewards	589.57
Water Stewards	323.37

**Donations in 2009 from Reserve Funds**

No donations were budgeted in 2009 and no reserve funds were designated. Presently available funds are \$7,024 with \$3,327 budgeted leaving \$3700 extra. Donations to be recommended to the membership for approval are:

VMGA for the Endowment Fund	\$500
Old Town Medical	300
Botanical Garden	150
Unitarian Universalist Church	150

**2010 Budget Linda Wever**

The 2010 budget was reviewed and approved as revised. The treasurer will email the revised budget to the board for final approval and will present it to the membership at the December meeting.

## **Projects J. Millin**

The *Diagnostic Clinic* is removed from Special Projects to stand alone. It has been ongoing for two years and will be expanded as interest dictates.

*Habitat for Humanity* is suspended at present since there has been no action on the project in two years.

*Melissa's Meadow* is seen primarily as a Virginia Natural Plant Society project. It currently has 6 to 8 interns who met in May, June, and September. Those active in the project will be encouraged to review the project objectives and appoint a co-chair.

Tours of the Eclipse Garden have been organized by H. Hamilton and conducted by C. Britcher. Ms. Britcher will transfer membership from York County MG program to JCC/W Master Gardener Association.

After discussion, The CW Greenhouse and Outreach project, now E16, was recommended to move to E5 as of January 1, 2010

## **Administration J. Giffin**

The proposed changes to the Inactive Policy were reviewed as a guideline. The board approved the guidelines as of January 1, 2010.. The new MG Inactive Status Policy follows:

1. A Master Gardener may request temporary Inactive Status for a calendar year, due to illness, family situation, etc., which will make it impossible to complete the required annual volunteer (project and administration) hours and/or advanced training (recertification) hours. Those requesting inactive status must indicate their intention of becoming active members again as soon as possible.
2. Membership dues for the Association need to be maintained during the Inactive status period. The twenty (20) hour volunteer commitment and the eight (8) hour advanced training requirement are waived. Nevertheless, Inactive MGs are encouraged to attend and report advanced training, when possible.
3. If an inactive MG attends and reports at least four (4) advanced training hours during the inactive year, they are not required to complete additional advanced training hours when they become active members again. If the inactive MG has not completed these advanced training hours, he or she will need to complete twelve (12) advanced training hours (the eight hours normally required plus four extra hours) during the first year after the inactive status.
4. A second year of inactive status may be requested, if hardship conditions continue. Continued inactive status will typically be granted by the MG

board, as long as the person indicates that he or she intends to become an active member after the second year. Continued payment of annual dues is required. When the person becomes active again, they may be required to complete up to sixteen (16) advanced training hours, unless they have attended and reported four or more advanced training hours during each inactive year.

Proposed board member changes were proposed, discussed, and tabled for a later meeting.

### **MG Graduation Dinner D. Banks**

The dinner will be held January 14 at 6:00 and will cost participants \$15.00 each. Cut off for reservations will be the January general meeting. Trainee dinners will be free. The dinner will be announced in the December newsletter. Dave Banks and Charlie Clapper are organizing the event. The program will feature the graduation of the interns as the main focus. G. Lashinger is leading a group of singers to present a short program. Continuous pictures arranged by MG events will be shown throughout the evening on a screen. Total MG hours will be displayed as part of the pictures. Individual projects will be recognized. Dave will order the catered meal and Linda Wever and Pat Janot will arrange for the beverages.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Plant Sale Committee Linda Lucas**

A Plant Sale Committee has been formed consisting of S. Giandomenico, D. Wool, J. Babski, J. Word, and T. Voorheis at this point. They met Nov. 12, and will meet continuously on the 2nd Thursday at the library until the sale.

**A Public Dialogue** on Virginia Cooperative Extension about the Five Year Plan will take place on December 8 from 10:00 until 11:30 in Newport News.

The next board meeting will be held December 18, 2009.

