

**ROCKBRIDGE AREA MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
July 8, 2009**

President Barbara Thomas called the meeting to order at 2:05.

PRESENT: Barbara Thomas, Nancy Smith, Ted Jenks, Kip Brooks

ABSENT: David Mims, Carol Schoner, Tracey Smith-Oliver, Anne Riffey-Buckner, Sherry Smith, Gerri Wenz, Penny Wilson, Stephanie West

TREASURER'S REPORT

Board members received copies of the Treasurer's Report. Ted is currently assisting Tracey in reconciling both plant sale and special request discrepancies. The Board accepted the report, understanding corrections will be made, pending audit at the end of the year.

One CD will mature 8/8/09; the Board recommended shopping for the best rate and rolling it over into another CD.

CONTINUING EDUCATION – Kip Brooks

No Report.

RECORDS

The Board recommended writing letters to Master Gardeners not meeting activity requirements, asking if they had been active and had not submitted hours to the Volunteer Coordinator for Records; if not, they would no longer be considered a Master Gardener.

Service awards will be given at the September picnic.

CLASS STEERING

No Report

NEWSLETTER

No report

PROGRAMS

No report

PROJECTS

No Report.

PUBLICITY

Stephanie West has resigned. A new Publicity Chair will be nominated by the Nominating Committee.

VMGA

No Report

WEB SITE

No report

PLANT SALE – Ted Jenks

Plant sale wrap-up meeting held 7/7/09. Discussion topic included:

1. Trees – will discontinue digging at Boxerwood for small trees. Will dig bigger trees for the sale. Will continue to purchase small seedlings in the fall to be in bud for the plant sale.
2. Will increase number of plants by 10-20% (~200-300 plants) for next year.

3. Vegetables – continue to be popular. Need more volunteers to care for seedlings. Will increase price of vegetables to \$2-4, depending on size.
4. Signs – were hung this year. Ted will devise a better signage system.
5. Ted presented a draft layout if plant sale needed to be in the gym due to weather.
6. Discrepancy discussed between monies collected for Native Plant Sale plants. Discussion questioning whether Master Gardeners or Native Plant volunteers should collect monies. Recommendation to speak with Native Plant members and query whether they would rather collect monies themselves or provide volunteers at the cashiers desks to organize sales.

OLD BUSINESS

October Meeting of VMGA

Ted reported that the VMGA October meeting will be held at the Virginia Horse Center and RAMGA will rent the space for \$200.

Barbara reported that the October 2010 VMGA meeting will be held in Natural Bridge, highlighting the school gardens.

Plants by Welcome Sign

Barbara is collecting plants to landscape area by the Lexington “Welcome sign”, will plant in the fall. Master Gardeners are not expected to maintain site.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominating Committee

Barbara and Nancy will coordinate nominating committee who will be responsible for nominating a Publicity Chair, Class Coordinator, as well as Board members.

Rockbridge County Fair

The Fair is next week. The brochure had incorrect information; corrected information is available on the website.

Rockbridge County Community Festival

Barbara will contact Phyllis Fevrier regarding the festival.

**THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 2:00 PM
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2009 AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE.**

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kip Brooks, Continuing Education Volunteer Coordinator