

Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association
Board of Directors Meeting
April 11, 2012
Shenandoah Museum
Winchester

Attendees: President Cy Haley, Vice President Angie Hutchinson, Past President Bob Carlton, Treasurer Luann Woodard-Laundry, Secretary Suzanne Boag, Extension Agent Mark Sutphin, Timekeeper Susan Garrett, 2012 MG Class Co-Coordinator Mary Stickley, Shenandoah County Co-Coordinator Carolyn Wilson, and Communication and Publicity Chair Donna Funk-Smith.

President Cy Haley brought the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Reports of Boards

Vice President's Report: Angie Hutchinson reported that for the October Association meeting we have a speaker locked in who will talk about orchids. We still need speakers for June and July with our June meeting being held at Lee Ruddle's house. The September meeting could possibly be held at Janet Heishman's. This coming Sunday's meeting will be held at Blandy and Angie will give a talk on weeds.

Treasurer's Report: Cy Haley explained that the fee for bonding our MG Treasurer is \$736 per year and one requirement is that checks be counter-signed with another individual reconciling the account, which makes bonding our Treasurer problematic for NSVMGA. Mary Stickley reminded the Treasurer that we need to send a check to VMGA for the student memberships, which are rolled into their enrollment fees. Luann Laundry presented the report as follows:

<i>Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener's Association</i>				
Treasurer's Report				
Saturday, March 31, 2012				
FINANCIAL POSITION				
Checking Balance - February 29, 2012				\$ 7,421.58
INCOME:	MG Dues		\$ 10.00	
	MG Dues		\$ 50.00	
	MG Dues		\$ 26.00	
		Total Income		\$ 86.00
EXPENSES:	# 1286 - Jordan Joyce - Stipend		\$ 50.00	
	# 1287 - Shenandoah VCE - ELC Showcase		\$ 50.00	
	# 1288 - Walmart - Page County Expo		\$ 100.00	
	# 1289 - Belle Grove Plantation - Tractor Fund (1/4)		\$ 250.00	
		General Sub Total		\$ 450.00
	2012 MG Class		\$ -	
			\$ -	
		2012 MG Class Sub Ttotal	\$ -	
		Total Expense		\$ 7,057.58
Checking Balance - March 31 2012				
Investments				
	CD	12 mo. 5/4/12 Maturity	\$ 6.48	\$ 5,158.08
	CD	18 mo. 1/21/12 Maturity		\$ 5,062.91
		Net Worth		\$17,278.57

Secretary's Report: Suzanne Boag thanked Luann Laundry for taking the minutes for the February MG Board Meeting. Suzanne stated that the Board minutes for March were posted to the website and asked for any changes or corrections. *Bob Carlton made a motion to accept the minutes as posted and Luann seconded. The motion was passed with no objections by the five Board Members present.*

Standing Committees

Communication and Publicity: Donna Funk-Smith reported that GardenFest flyers would be available via email soon.

Education: No report.

Membership: No report.

Time Keeper: Susan Garrett requested a list of the students/Interns, and Mary Stickley emailed her the list during the course of the meeting.

County Coordinators' Report

Clarke: Suzanne Boag reported that there has been a very enthusiastic response to our request for volunteers for the MG Garden Fair booth at Blandy and it is fully staffed for May 11, 12 and 13. Mary Carlton made a beautiful quilted table runner for which raffle tickets will be sold at both Garden Fair and GardenFest. The table runner can also be displayed at both events.

Frederick: Teri Merrill reported via email that Frederick's Green-line is fully staffed through the summer.

Page: Cy Haley reported that the Page Expo had been cancelled.

Shenandoah: Carolyn Wilson stated that she would bring MG shirts ordered to the meeting on Sunday.

Warren: Cy Haley reported that David Freese, who is heading up the 4-H Garden, is in need of volunteers. Bob Carlton suggested that David talk about the 4-H Garden project at the Association meeting on Sunday and request volunteers at that time.

Volunteer Coordinator's Report

Belle Boyd Garden: Cy Haley explained that the garden project led by Marsha Burd requires funds of up to \$100. *Angie Hutchinson made a motion to provide funds up to \$100 for the Belle Boyd Garden, and Bob Carlton seconded. The motion passed without objection by the five Board Members present.*

Hilda J. Barber Elementary Working Garden: Cy Haley explained that the garden project led by David Freese requires funds of up to \$150 annually. This is a courtyard garden with raised beds used for educational purposes and food. *Suzanne Boag made a motion to provide funds up to \$150 annually for the Hilda J Barber Elementary Garden, and Bob Carlton seconded. The motion was passed without objection by all five Board Members present.*

Proposed Strasburg High School Flag Pole Garden Project: Intern Clarisse Bushman has proposed a project that will need annual funding. The Board discussed the project proposal requirements for a soil test and planting materials. Mary Stickley suggested that a budget proposal be drawn up by the students

as part of the learning process. *Angie Hutchinson made a motion to pay for the soil test and to request a budget proposal prepared by the students, and Luann Laundry seconded. The motion passed with no objections by all five Board Members present.*

Old Business

2012 MG Class Update: Mary Stickley said the class is going well, however, Bob Carlton added that attendance is not regular. For MG purposes, students can only miss three classes, and any more than that will have to be made up in the following year's class. Carolyn Wilson stated that County Coordinators should be checking up on Interns and ensuring that they are working on their volunteer hours and coming to meetings.

2012 GardenFest Update: Lynn Hoffmann explained via email that GardenFest's planning meeting will be scheduled soon and MGs will be notified. The FFA will help with set up on Thursday and take down on Saturday. She suggested MGs contribute a \$100 donation to the local FFA group. The Second Hand Rose Booth is in need of volunteers. The Board discussed Second Hand Rose proceeds and there was some confusion about what had been decided in the past. Suzanne Boag agreed to review past minutes and to forward pertinent discussions/motions to the MG Advisory Board. More speakers are also needed for GardenFest. Cy Haley stated that the Kid's Activities have soil and propagation covered. Water, Animal Rescue, Birds, and Bugs, etc. still need volunteers.

New Business

Radio Event: Mark Sutphin reported that "The River" radio station in Front Royal will promote Master Gardeners during a December 21 session. The Volunteer Coordinator will be the likely speaker for MGs.

MG College Scholarship Nominees: Cy Haley explained that the scholarship will help to offset the cost of MG College for recipients. The deadline for applications is May 11. Carolyn Wilson stated that she would like to nominate Johan Guss. MG College will be held June 20 to 24.

Bob Carlton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Suzanne Boag seconded it, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Boag
Secretary, NSVMGA