

Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association
Board of Directors Meeting
March 14, 2012
Shenandoah Museum
Winchester

Attendees: President Cy Haley, Vice President Angie Hutchinson, Past President Bob Carlton, Treasurer Luann Woodard-Laundry, Associate Extension Agent Mark Sutphin, Timekeeper Susan Garrett, 2012 MG Class Co-coordinator Mary Stickley, Warren County Coordinator Marsha Burd, Frederick County Coordinator Terri Merrill, Shenandoah County Co-Coordinator Carolyn Wilson.

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

President's Report: Cy Haley stated that Randy Langford resigned to the Membership and the Board. Cy had requested a meeting with Randy and the Board members, in which Randy Langford did not reply. His resignation was with "personal" reasons.

Mary Stickley will now Co-coordinate the Master Gardener class of 2012 with Anni Sherman. Mary Stickley stated that there will be (2) classes that need speakers.

Vice President's Report: Angie reported that Lynn Hoffman will be the speaker at this month's meeting, and topic will be on "grasses". Meeting will be held at the Warren County Government Building. April's meeting will be at Blandy, with a trail walk scheduled and the topic of conifers.

Treasurer: Cy stated that I had continued treasurer duties after my resignation, and after having a meeting, it was decided that I would continue on as the treasurer. Bob Carlton motioned for reinstatement and Cy seconded. **Report: See Below.** Belle Grove received their tractor, and a check will be issued to Belle Grove for \$250.00 towards our commitment of \$1000.00. The remaining balance will be paid out for the next (3) years.

Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener's Association

Treasurer's Report

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

FINANCIAL POSITION

Checking Balance - January 31, 2012				\$ 4,240.59
INCOME	Donation - Winchester Clarke Garden Club		\$ 25.00	
	MG Dues		\$ 50.00	
	Symposium		\$ 4,170.00	
	Donation - Glen Burnie Garden Club		\$ 25.00	
	MG Dues		\$ 130.00	
	MG Class 2012		\$ 2,955.00	
		Total Income		\$ 7,355.00
EXPENS	# 1272 - R. Langford - Travel exp		\$ 250.00	
	# 1273 - H. Callahan - Speaker Fee		\$ 100.00	
	# 1274 - L. Phillips - Speaker Fee		\$ 100.00	
	# 1275 - Dr. G Peck - Speaker Fee		\$ 100.00	
	# 1276 - S. Gill - Speaker Fee		\$ 450.00	
	# 1277 - P. Deahl - Speaker Fee		\$ 250.00	
	# 1278 - Lynn Hoffman - Symposium Expense		\$ 152.28	
	# 1279 - Holy Cross Abbey - Symposium Expense		\$ 50.00	
	#1280 - Sodexo - Caterer - Symposium Expense		\$ 1,398.40	
	# 1281 - Lynn Hoffman -Labels - Gardenfest		\$ 149.75	
	# 1282 - August Home Publishing - Gardenfest		\$ 18.18	
	# 1284 - Mountain Courier - Advertising		\$ 46.40	
	# 1285 - Mary C Craig - Reimb. Arborfest/Gardenfair		\$ 65.00	
			\$ -	
		General Sub Total		\$ 3,130.01
	2012 MG Class			
	# 1283 - Treasurer of Virginia Tech - MG Books		\$ 1,044.00	
	Supplies		\$ -	
		2012 MG Class Sub Ttotal		\$ 1,044.00
		Total Expense		\$ 4,174.01
Checking Balance - February 29, 2011				\$ 7,421.58
Investments				
	CD	12 mo. 5/4/12 Maturity	\$ 6.48	\$ 5,158.08
	CD	18 mo. 1/21/12 Maturity		\$ 5,062.91

Cy recommended that the association should consider bonding those that are handling any funds. The bond would be renewal each year, at an estimated fee of \$100.00. There was also a suggestion of using one our CD's for scholarships when it matures. Angie brought up the suggestion that all appointed positions should be bonded.

Secretary's Report: Motion by Bob for them to be accepted as posted, Luann seconded.

Standing Committees:

Education: Mary Stickley stated that Anni Sherman is doing a wonderful job instructing the class of 2012. Anni is using a wiki board application to post a query of the week and other gardening information for the class. There are 16 students and it is a very active group. Lynn Hoffman has locked in a speaker for the March Garden symposium.

Membership and/or Time keeper: Only remove master gardeners from our association that are not active. Cy stated that Lynn Hoffman will be redoing all the Certificates from the Class of 2011. Mark Sutphin will be signing the certificates and ordering name tags. Susan Garrett will be maintaining the hours for MG's within our Association. All other members outside the Association will be sending their hours to Mark Sutphin.

Special Committees: Mark Sutphin asked about the association setting up a foundation account for the scholarship. Lynn Hoffman will be preparing the applications for scholarship. Cy stated that (1) CD will be dedicated to the scholarship fund.

County Coordinators Report:

Warren: Marsha Burd informed the board that the Helpline desk would be up and running March 26th and would like to have 6-7 volunteers scheduled. New project: 4-H. Cy would like to get other MG regions involved because they border our counties. The 4-H group would be a mini version of the JR MG's program.

Shenandoah: Carolyn Wilson would like to get the T-shirts ordered so they can be worn at Blandy. Other items brought up: plants are needed for Gardenfest and she has pots available. The meeting for Shenandoah County MG's was cancelled due to a few dedicated MG's still being in FL. The meeting will be rescheduled for April. Carolyn will be scheduling volunteers for the Greenline. Another project that will be on schedule is the 4-H program. Kevin Hollingsworth will be in charge of the Farmers Market in Woodstock. Projects in the months ahead include the Shenandoah County Fair and the maintenance of the Rain Garden.

Frederick: Terri Merrill stated that the Greenline will begin in June. She is going to set up a table at Lowe's to introduce Master Gardeners to the public. Would like to do the Farmers Market, but there is the question of where they would store the stuff they need. The spot at the Frederick County fair has been approved and the hours will be 6pm-9PM. Also mentioned was a "Speakers Page" in the newsletter. Mary Stickley mentioned that there will be work sessions at the Shenandoah Museum every Friday. They will be hosting the Boys and Girls Clubs and have a "Kids" Garden with cooking skills.

There was also mentioned the maintenance issue of the garden on Kent Street. There was a suggestion of Hanley School students assisting. Also a suggestion was made of having a seminar at the rain garden. We need to promote that we are a viable group.

Clarke: The garden at the park has been attended too, but need more volunteers to sign up.

Volunteer Coordinators Report: There has been a name brought forward to fill this position. There is a concern regarding not putting in a long time veteran in this position due to its detailed position. Bob brought up that there are enough veteran VC MG's from prior years that this person would not be alone.

Old Business:

Gardenfest Update – will be covered at monthly meeting.

New Business:

Page County will be hosting an Extension Expo. It's scheduled April 19th 6:30-8:30 PM. Bob motioned NSVMGA will be donating a \$100.00 gift certificate for a door prize and Luann seconded. Motion was passed. This event will be promoting our extension.

April 24th 6:30-9pm will be the volunteer night for the MG Class 2012.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Luann G Woodard-Laundry
Treasurer, NSVMGA