

**Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association**

**Mary Craig's Home, Warren County**

**August 16, 2015**

President Susan Garrett brought the meeting to order at 4 p.m. She welcomed everyone to the meeting again during a heat wave. She encouraged action items and announcements only be brought up at the meeting. Thanks to Mary Craig and her husband for providing ice cold water, tea, and lemonade throughout the meeting and workshop!

**July Meeting Minutes:** Susan Garrett noted that the July Association Meeting Minutes had been circulated to the membership, and she asked for any changes or corrections. James Jones moved to accept the minutes as circulated with no objections, and Denise Howe seconded the motion. The membership approved the motion.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lee Demko presented the report as follows.

NORTHERN SHENANDOAH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

Financial Statement for Period Ending August 4, 2015

Checking Balance as of August 4, 2015		\$ 6,011.47
Outstanding checks:		
1564	A Hutchinson	\$ 30.00
1583	Cedar Creek/Belle Grove	\$ 50.00
1566	M. Neese	\$ 50.00
1601	R Howell	\$ 160.00
1603	H Lake	\$ 160.00
1605	C Wilson	\$ 160.00
1606	VCE-Frederick	\$ 537.30
1607	S Garrett	\$ 105.42
1608	G Smith	\$ 19.22
1609	Belle Grove	\$ 614.12
1610	B G (tractor fund)	\$ 250.00
Total Outstanding Checks		\$ 2136.06
Checking Balance as of 8/4/2015		\$ 6011.47
Investments:		
CD/United Bank		\$ 5,172.24
Savings/United Bank		\$ 5,103.36
Total Balance on Hand		\$ 16,287.07

Respectfully submitted

Sandra Lee Demko, Treasurer

**Vice President's Report:** Susan passed on Karen Brill's thanks to everyone for attending the canning workshop.

### **Committee Reports**

**Communications and Publicity:** They've had a meeting and committee members have volunteered to cover different events.

**Education:** No report.

**Finance:** A Finance committee will be set up and will include Lee Demko as the chair, and Mary Craig, Mark Fairbanks, and Frank Baxter.

**Membership:** No report.

**Newsletter:** Susan reminded everyone that directions to meetings are included in the newsletter.

**Master Gardener 2016 Class:** There will be four coordinators for this class: Mark Sutphin, Janet Keithley, Susan Garrett, and John Kummer. Next meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. on September 22 at the Extension Office.

**Scholarship:** No report.

### **County Coordinators' Reports**

**Clarke:** Their county fair is over. Mark Fairbanks handed out MG cards to people standing in the food lines! Farmers' market will run to October.

**Frederick:** John Kummer reported that volunteers are needed for the GreenLine. On September 27 MGs of Frederick County will have an outing at Blandy Farms.

**Page:** Their GreenLine is receiving a number of questions about bugs.

**Shenandoah:** No report.

**Warren:** The children's garden at Samuel's Library is finished. A lot of interns volunteered at the fair. Five people signed up for the 2016 MG class!

**Volunteer Coordinator's Report:** No report.

**VCE Liaison:** Background checks for seventeen members are due.

### **Old Business**

No report.

### **New Business**

Elaine Specht distributed information on the next year's Seed Exchange which is scheduled for January 30, 2016. This includes dates of the next event planning meeting as well as dates for seed sorting parties.

Sarah Kohrs will be stepping down from the timekeeping position, and Kris Behrends will assume her responsibilities.

If anyone is interested in volunteering for the Guidelines committee, please contact Susan.

The Nominating committee will consist of Mary Flagg, Kris Behrends, Ann Levi, and James Jones.

Janet Keithley talked about the positive experience she had attending the AREC open house.

Cy Haley reported that a GardenFest meeting will be held at 10 a.m. on August 29 at Belle Grove.

Stacey Smith asked members to bring pots to the meetings for next year's GardenFest. Six- to eight-inch pots are the most commonly needed sizes. Proprietary pots cannot be used.

**Adjournment:** Mary Craig made a motion to adjourn, Cy Haley seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

After the meeting the members participated in a stepping stone workshop as well as had a potluck in Mary's luxurious RV after the workshop

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Behrends

Secretary, NSVMGA