

**Minutes for The Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association
Association Meeting Held September 17, 2017**

Call to Order

The Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association held an Association meeting September 17, 2017, at 1400 Parker Lane, Bluemont VA 20135. Cy Haley, president, presided over the meeting and called it to order at 4:00 PM. Janet Keithley served as secretary.

Attendees

31 Master Gardener Volunteers and Interns were in attendance, along with 1 guest. With 31 active members in attendance, a quorum was present.

Opening Remarks

Opening remarks included an agenda review.

Vice President's Report

Suzanne Boag reported October's Association Meeting is Sunday, October 15th, 2:00 p.m. at Weber's Nursery and Garden Center, 1912 Martinsburg Pike, Winchester, VA 22603. Peter Weber, owner, is the guest speaker, and his topic is "Right Tree, Right Place." The meeting will take place inside the nursery, and Master Gardeners will have an opportunity to shop. Frederick County Master Gardeners will host this meeting. Members will need to bring a chair, and finger foods are recommended for the potluck.

Secretary's Report

Stacey Smith reported via email the minutes for the August Board of Directors meeting were emailed for review.

Motion: Bob Gail moved to approve the minutes of the August Board of Directors meeting. Suzanne Boag seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor and none against.

No correspondence received.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Gail presented the following report:

**Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association
Treasurer's Report
YTD August 31, 2017
FINANCIAL POSITION**

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Checking Balance - July 31, 2017

\$12,691.07

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<u>DEPOSITS</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
	17-Aug	Amazon Smile Donation	\$7.73	
	21-Aug	Belle Grove - Air Plant Class Reg.	\$92.43	
	28-Aug	Mt. Jackson Garden Club	\$25.00	
Total August 2017 Deposits				\$125.16

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	
	15-Aug	1810	\$(42.00)	Lynn Hoffman - GardenFest Soil	
	15-Aug	1811	\$(25.24)	Ginny Smith - Clarke County Fair	
	22-Aug	1812	\$(23.60)	Fine Line Inc. - ELC Float Sign	
Total August 2017 Expenses					\$(90.84)

Checking Balance - August 31, 2017	\$12,725.39
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SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Scholarship Fund Balance - July 31, 2017	\$11,185.58
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<u>Activity</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
	31-Aug	Earned Interest	\$0.95	
Total August 2017 Activity				\$0.95
Scholarship Fund Balance - August 31, 2017				\$11,186.53

RESERVE FUND

Reserve Fund Balance - July 31, 2017	\$5,217.37
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<u>Activity</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
	31-Aug	Earned Interest	\$0.45	
Total August 2017 Activity				\$0.45
Reserve Fund Balance - August 31, 2017				\$5,217.82
TOTAL CASH ON HAND - August 31, 2017				\$29,129.74

*Respectfully Submitted,
Robert A. Gail*

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Treasurer

County Coordinator Reports

Clarke: Ginny Smith reported a Clarke County meeting in December, with the date to be decided.

Frederick: Helen Lake reported the Farmers Market at the new downtown mall location will be held on September 23, and Shan Kilby is the coordinator. The Lowes Help Desk will continue on September 23, October 7, and October 21, and John Kummer is the coordinator. Volunteers are needed and should sign up in VMS.

She also reported the Day Trippin' initiative is going well. A trip to Sky Meadows State Park is scheduled for October. A possible Association trip to Lewis Ginter is also being considered. Depending upon interest, a bus might be needed. Frederick County may have a booth at the O'Sullivan Wellness Expo in mid-October.

Page: Lesley Mack presented the Page County Report via email. Master Gardeners participated in the recent county fair. Several Master Gardeners worked along with Hill & Valley Garden Club in the horticultural section, and hopefully one of the Master Gardeners will want to lead it next year. The county is still waiting for the signage approval for the Chinquapin Oak. The Farmers Market and Greenline are ongoing.

Shenandoah: Sharon Bradshaw presented the Shenandoah County Report via email. Green Help Line office hours continue through October, as will the Strasburg Farmer's Market participation. Volunteers are welcome and can sign up via VMS or by contacting the project leads: Rich Howell for Green Help Line and Roz McIntosh for Strasburg Farmer's Market. The Woodstock Community Garden's "Growing Groceries" planning for 2018 is continuing to evolve, with a recent request by a local church to provide workshops and guidance for their new grant-funded community garden effort to be located on county property. Cecelia Latham is project lead. Other projects are ongoing. Read more details in the NSVMGA Newsletter. Bob Carlton added that Shenandoah County Master Gardeners attended the County Fair and participated in the 100th Anniversary Parade.

Warren: Katherine Rindt reported projects are winding down for the season. Front Royal's Happy Gardens' new pollinator garden is doing well.

Special Committee Reports

2018 Symposium: Helen Lake reported the planning is moving along with five confirmed speakers for the March 3, 2018 event, again held at Hester Auditorium at Shenandoah University. Volunteers are needed the day of the event.

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2018 Seed Exchange: Elaine Specht reported the committee had its first meeting. There are three opportunities to clean and package seeds, and the event is held on the last Saturday in January at Blandy. Elaine asked that if anyone visits a historic site and collects some seeds to please donate some to this initiative.

2018 GardenFest: Cy Haley reported that GardenFest is Saturday, June 2, 2018.

2018 GardenFest Plant Sale: Two potting parties are planned for October, a party 10/1 in Strasburg and a pot cleaning/sorting and plant digging party 10/7 at Stacey's. VMS calendar has room for several more, so if members need to schedule one, check the calendar and email Stacey. To volunteer for a party, use VMS or email Stacey.

2018 Nominations Committee: Stacey Smith reported via email that the committee has a nomination for President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Past President, as the current officers are continuing for the next term. It also has, so far, one nomination for secretary. Nominations are open through today's meeting. Contact Stacey Smith, Bob Carlton, Barb Hallar, Ginny Smith, or Sharon Bradshaw to nominate yourself or a friend who agrees to be nominated. The committee will meet to review nominees and then present its slate of nominees to the Board.

2018 Master Gardener Class: Susan Garrett reported the class is at Farm Credit. Most speakers are arranged. Registration for new students is January 18, 2018. All Master Gardeners are encouraged to help recruit viable candidates by connecting them with Susan or Mark Sutphin.

Closing Remarks

None.

Adjournment

Motion: All agreed to adjourn the meeting

Respectfully submitted by: 

Stacey Smith, Secretary

Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association

10/15/17

Date Approved by the Association