

**Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener's Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Warren County Community Center, Front Royal
February 10, 2015**

Attendees:

Susan Garrett, President
Kris Behrends, Secretary
Bob Carlton, Past President

Karen Brill, Vice President
Lee Demko, Treasurer

Mary Flagg, Volunteer Coordinator
Lesley Mack, Page Co. Coordinator
Sharon Bradshaw, Shenandoah Co. Coordinator
Emily Wickham, Frederick Co. Coordinator
Katherine Rindt, Warren Co. Coordinator
Ginny Smith, Clarke Co. Coordinator (assisted with 2015 MG class)

Cy Haley, 2015 MG Class Coordinator (led 2015 MG class)
Anne Dewey-Balzhiser, MG
Stacey Smith, Communications and Publicity
Mark Sutphin, VCE Agent

President Susan Garrett brought the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Susan announced that Brenda Powell has resigned the Education chair. At this time she has not received any responses from members who would be interested in filling the position.

The Blandy unit project request, along with the list of who is interested in working on the project, was distributed.

January Board Minutes: Susan Garrett noted that the minutes were distributed to the Advisory Board. Bob Carlton moved to accept the minutes, Katherine Rindt seconded, and it was approved by the voting Board members.

Treasurer's Report: Lee Demko presented the report that follows:

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Financial Statement for Period Ending February 9, 2015

Outstanding Checks

1498	Treas/Warren Cnty	\$100.00	
1536	Dr. S Carroll	\$ 50.00	
1537	Dr. S Carroll	\$ 50.00	
1538	J Messick	\$ 50.00	
1539	Dr. M Goatley	\$ 50.00	
1540	C. Whitacre	\$ 50.00	
1541	B Mackintosh	\$ 50.00	
1542	M Stickley-Godinez	\$ 50.00	
1543	D Dillion	\$ 50.00	
1544	Dr. T Roulston	\$ 50.00	
1545	F Frenzel	\$ 50.00	
1546	M Stickley-Godinez	\$ 50.00	
1548	FOSA/Gardenfair	\$ 65.00	
Total Outstanding Checks as of 2/9/2015		\$ 715.00	
Current Checking Balance as of 2/9/2015			\$ 5698.71
Investments			
CD – United Bank			\$ 5172.24
Savings Deposit, United Bank			\$ 5103.36
Total Cash on Hand			\$15,974.31

Submitted by Sandra Lee Demko, Treas.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Clarke County: No report. No county meeting has been scheduled.

Frederick County: Emily Wickham announced that the GreenLine is ongoing. The senior members of the Girl Scouts have requested Master Gardener members to teach the younger Girl Scouts gardening so they can earn their garden badge. After discussion, Emily will talk with Mark Sutphin to determine if this may be more appropriate for the Girl Scouts to work with the 4H group.

Page County: Lesley Mack reported that three Page Co. class attendees rode with her which provided her an opportunity to chat with them and learn more about them. Page County has submitted all of their project applications.

Shenandoah County: Sharon Bradshaw announced that the county meeting will be held on March 2. They have not submitted any project applications yet.

Warren County: Katherine Rindt reported that a county meeting hasn't been scheduled yet. All projects applications have been turned in. Mary Flagg advised that all of their projects have been approved.

Emily Wickham asked about contacting the students, and she was advised to contact Cy Haley, the class coordinator.

VCE Agent: No report available.

Volunteer Coordinator: Mary Flagg provided the following information:

- Two 2013 interns are working on achieving their 50 hours.
- Two 2014 interns are also working on their 50 hours. They are helping with the 2015 MG class.
- Two reinstatements:
 - Susan Chiccehitto. Discussion covered what she would have to accomplish in order to be reinstated. At this point a recertification form has to be completed and submitted. Bob Carlton moved to accept her reinstatement dependent upon receiving the completed recertification form. The motion was seconded and approved.
 - Donna Rowlette. No paperwork received.
- Two transfers:
 - Page County—Cheryl McDonald
 - Shenandoah County—Cecelia Latham
- Rhonda Campbell, Frederick County, expressed interest.
- Loretta Allison will not be returning to the organization.
- Educational items have been posted on VMS.

Discussion ensued regarding members who have not achieved the hours but have paid the dues.

Vice President: Karen Brill expressed her appreciation to the county coordinators and to everyone who provided guidance and support in arranging this year's programs. There will be two programs/county. The list of programs was distributed, and it will be published in the newsletter.

Stacey Smith asked if meetings are open to the public: The business portion of the meeting is not open to the public.

Communications and Publicity Chair: Stacey Smith distributed a report for her committee. She reported that publicity was wrapped up in January for the new MG class. Press releases were submitted to 48 different media outlets and the successful publication/broadcast rate was 54%.

Publicity for scholarships began in February.

Stacey is requesting that members send her copy of any MG press they see. Also, please forward to her information on community newspapers, online resources, and other contacts.

This committee will also work with members who want to get word out on projects.

If anyone has entries for Facebook, please submit those to Stacey who will then forward on to Kelly Kunkel.

Emily Wickham asked if cards could be printed that can be passed out specific to each county including their GreenLine phone number. Perhaps a card can also be printed to include information about all counties.

All board members are encouraged to submit articles to the newsletter and include pictures.

Blandy Community Garden: The project application was reviewed. This will be a year-long commitment. There are no definite plans at this point, but it has to be a teaching garden. There are members who have expressed interest in assisting with the garden. Mary Craig will be the project leader. Anyone can participate in the project as it's a unit project which involves all counties. A decision has to be made to reserve a garden space at Blandy. Bob Carlton moved to participate in the project, Lee Demko seconded it, and the Board passed it with three approvals and one abstention.

Miscellaneous: It was agreed that cards for special occasions would be nice to send to members. The county coordinators will be the points of contact, but they do request that members let them know about the events. Bob Carlton will ask Suzanne Boag to head this as she did such a good job in the past. A small fund will be made available for the purchase of the cards. This will become the Sunshine Committee.

The seven membership transfers will be reviewed at the next Board meeting.

Snow policy for association meetings is that an e-mail will be sent out to members if the meeting is canceled.

There was a good Gardenfest meeting. Members will be encouraged to provide plants for the event.

Bob Carlton moved to adjourn the meeting, Karen Brill seconded it, and the motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted by

Kris Behrends
NSVMGA Secretary