Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association

Belle Boyd Cottage, Warren County

June 14, 2015

President Susan Garrett brought the meeting to order at 4 p.m. She welcomed everyone to the meeting.

May Meeting Minutes: Susan Garrett noted that the May Association Meeting Minutes had been circulated to the membership, and she asked for any changes or corrections. Bob Carlton moved to accept the minutes as circulated with no objections, and Rita Guevremont seconded the motion. The membership approved the motion.

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

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Financial Statement for Period Ending June 14, 2015

Checking Balance 6/14/2015				$ 9,355.99
Checks Outstanding:				
1564	A Hutchinson	$ 30.00		
1566	M Neese	$ 50.00		
1582	Belle Grove	$ 50.00		
1583	Cedar Creek and Belle Grove	$ 50.00		
Fee charged our account for ISF		$12.00		
Total outstanding			$192.00	
Checking Balance as of 6/14/2015				$ 9,355.99
Investments:				
CD,United Bank			$ 5,172.24	
Savings, United Bank			$ 5,103.36	
Total Balance on Hand				$ 19,631.59

Respectfully submitted,

Saundra Lee Demko, Treasurer

Vice President's Report: The program for August's meeting is open. Mary Craig suggested conducting a stepping stone session for all members. Sari Carp requested that the Belle Grove GardenFest speakers be invited to be a presenter at a meeting. July's meeting will be at the Clermont Farms in Clarke County. Angie Hutchinson suggested meeting at a Park and Ride to visit a garden, such as the National Arboretum.

Committee Reports

Communications and Publicity: Stacey Smith advised that action shots of members at events are needed. She is also looking for volunteers to help with the committee.

Education: On July 30 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Kernstown Business Center, Rebecca Davis will be talking about food preservation. This counts towards educational hours.

Finance: No report.

Membership: Mary Craig requested pictures for the association's archives. We have 84 active members. She wants to schedule a Membership Committee meeting.

Newsletter: Susan thanked contributors to the newsletter. A variety of subjects are being presented.

Master Gardener 2015 Class: Cy Haley reported that all 19 graduated. If interns need hours, they are encouraged to contact Cy.

Scholarship: Sharon Bradshaw presented the scholarship to two Shenandoah County recipient, and Karen Brill presented the scholarship to the Warren County recipient.

GardenFest Update: Cy Haley presented the following sales information for GardenFest:

- Plant sales = $3,351.90
- Raffles = $306
- Second Hand Rose = $1,015.05
- Information Booth = $97
- Mary Craig's workshop = $155.02

She felt it was the best GardenFest ever

Carolyn Wilson is already collecting pots for next year's event. She asked members to bring pots to the meetings. Next year we'll plan on having more potting parties. Members should start marking plants now. Contact Stacey Smith if you want to have a potting party.

Badges for the event were distributed to anyone who did not receive one. Lanyards are for sale at $2 each.

Bob Carlton moved and Sharon Bradshaw seconded that proceeds from Second Hand Rose be given to Belle Grove minus expenses for utilities. The motion passed. Angie Hutchinson recommended find out the market value of the facility, and Susan advised it is $3,000. Bob asked Cy for outstanding expenses which amounted to $25 for the dumpster, $303.26 for the Johnny Blues, $125 for the sign hung in Middletown, and $54 for the workstation. We will be giving $1,200 to Belle Grove for hosting the event.

Junior Master Gardeners: No report.

County Coordinators' Reports

Clarke: Pam Hough reported that the Farmers' Market is active. She asked to whom should contact information for future MG classes be forwarded, and it was advised that these should be sent to Mark Sutphin.

Frederick: Angie Hutchinson announced that Winchester has opened a Farmers' Market.

Page: Lesley Mack advised that they are working on signage for the chinquapin oak and keeping it cleaned of weeds and ivy. Charlie Newton and Tom Mack will be giving a talk to a local garden club about the tree.

The September meeting will be held at the White House Farm.

Gayle Lansberry is in charge of the Page County Horticultural Fair. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact her at 540-742-9415.

Also, April Mays, our Page Co. Extension assistant, has been wonderful at forwarding the few GreenLine calls that we get to us. Then we contact the homeowner and answer their questions.

Shenandoah: Sharon Bradshaw reported that the Farmer's Market and Green Help Line office hours are going well. The New Market rain gardens are maintained and are also working well. Sharon Bradshaw will be announcing the time for 4-H day camps and the county fair later this week.

Sarah Kohrs met with the state archaeologist at the Sam Moore Slave Cemetery site and reported that he was most impressed with the information she had to share and the progress so far in identifying individual graves. She is still researching background of the cemetery and will be reporting as work continues.

Warren: Katherine Rindt advised that interns are signing up for their GreenLine. A meeting will be held June 15 for the Library's children's garden.

Volunteer Coordinator's Report: Terry Bowman has earned his 50 volunteer hours and is the third from the 2015 class to become an MG member. Cecilia Latham received a certificate for completing the Civil Rights training.

VCE Liaison: No report.

Old Business

Mary Craig gave an update on the Blandy Community Garden. Carolyn Wilson brought shirts to give to members for Elena Lycas.

New Business

Cy Haley advised that 2015 class members can volunteer at any county fair.

Stacey Smith will be having a meeting for the GardenFest plant committee in July.

Adjournment: Bob Carlton made a motion to adjourn, James Jones seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

After the meeting the members were invited to take a tour of the Belle Boyd Cottage and its surrounding gardens.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Behrends

Secretary, NSVMGA