

**Minutes for The Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association  
Association Meeting Held October 16, 2016**

## **Call to Order**

The Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association held an Association meeting October 16, 2016, at 400 Blandy Farm Lane, Boyce, Virginia 22620.

Susan Garrett, president, presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 4:37 PM. Stacey Smith served as secretary.

## **Opening Remarks**

Susan Garrett welcomed guests of the Association. She reminded all members to wear nametags to meetings and other Association events. She has recertification forms on hand to fill and return, and Lee Demko is now taking 2017 dues. The deadline to return both the recertification form and the dues is January 31, 2017.

## **Attendees**

46 Master Gardener Volunteers and Interns were in attendance. *With 43 active members in attendance, a quorum was present.* (Attendee list attached.)

## **Officers' Reports**

### **Secretary:**

Susan Garrett noted that the minutes for the previous month's association meeting were distributed via email.

### ***Motion:***

Frank Baxter made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous month's association meeting as distributed. Bob Carlton seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor and none against.

### **Correspondence:**

None.

### **Treasurer:**

Lee Demko presented the following treasurer's report:

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**NORTHERN SHENANDOAH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION**

Finance Statement for September, 2016

**CHECKING ACCOUNT**

Checking Balance as of September 30, 2016		\$ 5,872.65	
0 Deposits for September, 2016 (\$ 0.00)	\$ 0.00		
<b>Total Deposits for September, 2016</b>		<b>\$ 0.00</b>	
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5 Debits for September, 2016 (\$ 503.10)			
<u>Date</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Project</u>
9/15	1714	\$ 90.25	2017 Class/plant ID books
9/15	1715	\$ 99.75	School Outreach/Plant ID books
9/15	1716	\$ 13.10	Admin/postage
9/20	1717	\$ 50.00	Sept. speaker
9/22	1718	\$ 250.00	Admin/printing
<b>Total Debits for September, 2016</b>			<b>\$ 503.10</b>
<b>Checking Balance as of September 30, 2016</b>			<b>\$ 5,872.65</b>

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Balance as of September 30, 2016 (\$ 8,718.54)			
<u>Activity/Date</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Project</u>
9/30	Deposit	\$ 103.26	Barn Series 9/13/2016
9/30	Int	\$ 0.72	
<b>Scholarship Fund Balance as of September 30, 2016</b>			<b>\$ 8,822.52</b>

**RESERVE FUND**

<u>Activity/Date</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Project</u>
9/30	Int	\$ 0.43	
<b>Reserve Fund Balance as of September 30, 2016</b>			<b>\$ 5208.03</b>

**Total Balance on Hand as of 9/30/2016** **\$ 19,903.20**

Respectfully submitted, Sandra Lee Demko, Treasurer

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**Vice President:**

Karen Brill presented the vice president's report. This meeting follows the last educational program for the year, and she appreciated the opportunity to serve over the last two years. November's meeting is in Warren County, when we will vote on officers and the budget.

**Standing Committee Report**

**Communications and Publicity:**

Susan Garrett reported that Sarah Kohrs has started working on the class of 2017 publicity.

**Education:**

No report.

**Finance:**

Lee Demko presented the Finance report. The committee met on the budget, which will go out via email. It will be voted on at the November meeting.

**Membership:**

Mary Craig presented the Membership report. NSVMGA has 120 members, 99 of whom are active, with the rest as emeritus or honorary members. Only a couple of the 2016 interns need still hours.

**Newsletter:**

No report.

**Special Committee Reports**

**2017 Garden Fest:**

Cy Haley presented the 2017 Garden Fest Plant Sale report. The first planning meeting was held, and individual area leaders are already working on their parts of the event. Stacey Smith reported that the first plant digging parties are being held this week, and she's looking for help in each county to help with parties in the spring.

**2017 Master Gardener Class:**

Sharon Bradshaw presented the Class of 2017 report. The coordinators are working with the speaker contact team to line up the presenters for class sessions. Mark Sutphin will send out the announcement email letter in the next day or so to all those who have signed the "send me information" sheets at events. At the last planning meeting, the planning budget was balanced.

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**2017 Symposium:**

Bob Gail presented the 2017 Symposium report. The event is set for April 1, 2017, at Lord Fairfax Community College in Middletown. Six speakers are lined up, and the committee will have the publicity literature at the next meeting.

**2017 Seed Exchange:**

Elaine Specht presented the 2017 Seed Exchange report. Three seed prep days are planned, and flyers designed by Elena Lycas are now available. Suzanne Boag will add it to the Facebook page.

**County Coordinator Reports**

**Clarke County Coordinator:**

Ginny Smith presented the Clarke County report. All projects are completed, and a yearend get together is planned for the first week of December.

**Frederick County Coordinator:**

John Kummer presented the Frederick County report. All projects are done or close to done. A yearend meeting is planned Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Greenline wraps up at the end of the month, and the county will then turn to remote monitoring. Greenwood Mill needs help with more programs next spring. Programs start at the end of the month at Westminster Canterbury. John is stepping down as coordinator at the November meeting, and the Board has selected Helen Lake as the next county coordinator.

**Page County Coordinator:**

Lesley Mack presented the Page County report via email, saying thanks to all the folks who ventured "up the valley" to Page County for the September monthly meeting. Thanks to Cheryl McDonald, Robbin Holland, Charlie Newton, Susan Finlay, and Tom Mack for helping with refreshments for September's MG monthly meeting.

Those MGs that have been involved with the Farmers' Markets, like Cheryl McDonald, are noting that the season is winding down. Cheryl said that she has had a regular amount of folks asking questions while she was at the market, which gives her hopes of further success next year. Now, if Page County could settle on a regular Farmers' Market and a regular place, we will be all set.

Charlie Newton was happy with the turnout at the Water Quality booth at the Page County Fair. There were sufficient numbers stopping by now and then, Charlie noted. Luckily they had enough candy for the kids coming through. Hopefully next year the weather will not be so very hot, or the guy that was selling air conditioners will point the exhaust fan away from the MG booth.

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**Shenandoah County Coordinator:**

Sharon Bradshaw presented the Shenandoah County report. October ends active participation in the county's two farmers' markets, as well as Green Help Line office hours. Monitoring the two rain gardens and Corhaven Graveyard will continue until plants are completely dormant. The county has a home visit scheduled for a consultation on planting "whatever will grow" on an excavated shale hillside.

The newest county project is working with a potential Community Garden just south of Woodstock. The owner of Max's Greenhouse approached Master Gardeners about teaching hands-on workshops in growing produce. The overall intent will be to create successful experiences with growing vegetables and flowers, both in the ground and in containers. This is envisioned as an ongoing project.

**Warren County Coordinator:**

Susan Garrett reported that Katherine Rindt is stepping down at the end of 2016, and a new Warren County Coordinator is needed.

**Volunteer Coordinator:**

Susan Garrett requested that all members add a picture to their VMS profile page. She held Mary Flagg's 20/8 initiative drawing, and June Newcomb, Lisa Brown, and Joey Waters all won prizes. Patricia Crandell and Carolyn Rutherford are now Master Gardeners.

**VCE Agent:**

No report.

**Old Business**

1. Nature Photography Class – Sari Carp reported the class is scheduled for November 12 from 9 to noon at Belle Grove. 26 people are signed up, and there is room for 4 more attendees.

**New Business**

1. Event Presentations – Russ Watkins thanked Carolyn Wilson and Margie Miller for giving presentations at ArborFest. He'd like to see more presentations at events.

**Closing Remarks**

None.

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**Adjournment**

**Motion:** Bob Gail motioned that the meeting be adjourned, and Sharon Bradshaw seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor and none against, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

*Stacey M. Smith*

11/13/16

Stacey Smith, Secretary

Date Approved by the Association

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