

October 4, 2017  
NORTHERN NECK MASTER GARDENERS  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Transportation Building, Heathsville, VA

Tami McCauley, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Also present were Wayne Condrey, Harriet Chinn, Liz Giovane, Carolyn Gorman, Barbara Kauneckas, Diane Kean, Sue Kosinski, Sue Lindsey, Jim Myer, Anne Olsen, Jo Ann Perkins, Henry Riely, and Bill Bell.

**Minutes:** The September 6<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** The reports were posted. Tami and Henry will finalize the budget.

**President's Updates:**

- VMGA meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup> at St. Francis: A volunteer is needed to put together a power point presentation on the Reedville Shoreline Garden, the Farm Museum Garden, and George Washington Birthplace. Tami is working on gift baskets. She will check with Newsome's re lunch; approximate cost \$8-10. She will prepare information for Diane to take to the October 14<sup>th</sup> VMGA meeting on the Eastern Shore. Barbara motioned and Anne seconded a motion to give St. Francis De Sales a \$50 donation for use of De Sales Hall for the meeting. All voted in favor.
- Rain Barrel materials: Edna gave a box of rain barrel supplies to Tami. Linda McConahey is interested in the supplies for the Danville MG unit who is planning to make and sell rain barrels. Diane motioned that we review the materials and decide if there is anything to donate. Carolyn seconded the motion. It passed with all in favor. Tami mentioned the three leaky rain barrels and the difficulty of repairing them. Sue K motioned to discard them; Barbara seconded the motion; all voted in favor.
- Christmas Party at The Inn of Montross: Tami is still working on the menu.
- Garden Visit at McCauley's on October 26<sup>th</sup>: The visit will begin at 4:30; a boat ride on their deadrise is a possibility.

**Committee Updates:**

- **Extension Leadership:** Bill Bell reported frustrations with Signawave; he cannot post or edit the website. He hopes to have a new provider soon. Tara will talk about the Junior Master Gardeners program in November.
- **Children's Education:** Sue K reported that a kindergarten teacher at LPS contacted her about working with her class this year. Last year Sue and Barbara met with one teacher

approximately six times; that teacher has moved out of the area but suggested us to a fellow teacher.

- **Help Desk:** Anne donated two books to the Help Desk. Thank you, Anne! Liz asked about due dates for reports; Bill advised that if he gets them by the third Monday of the month, he can post the reports before the monthly meeting.
- **Plant Clinics:** A few more volunteers are needed for the October 7th Irvington market. Wayne reported lots of contacts at Stratford Hall and Boots and Barbeque. Diane reported that the State Fair booth looks good; they will demonstrate water flow and the importance of saving and absorption.
- **Teaching Gardens:** Carolyn reported that a final workday will be held at the Reedville Garden on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Diane reported planting cover crops of kale, collards, and radishes at the Farm Museum Garden. We will ask Trent about harvesting the sweet potatoes. They plants look good but are not forming potatoes.
- **Volunteer Management:** Diane will email EMG's who have reported less than 20 hours this year. Lynn Hower has resigned.
- **Vice President:** Henry advised there will be a GNN meeting at 9 a.m. on October 18th. He also reported on (a) his discussions with other EMGs for a possible newspaper article on cleaning up the garden in the fall; (b) a possible pruning clinic for the public next year; (c) his attendance at a Lewis Ginter program, where the Henrico County EMGs were offering an insect repellent endorsed by the County. The Committee and Bill discussed these matters in detail.
- **Programs:** Jim reported that he and Marge have begun to line up speakers for 2018. A possible theme for the year is landscaping.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Barbara Kauneckas, Secretary