



QUARTERLY UPDATE MEETING

March 5, 2010 at Virginia Beach Central Library

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am by President Karen Renda. She thanked the Bayside Corridor members for hosting this meeting.

MINUTES

Leslie Sawyer read highlights of the December 4, 2009 meeting. The minutes were approved by the membership present

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim Kincaid gave the Treasurer's report. Checking has \$7,620.86, the memorial fund has \$3,250.34 (including \$1,800 in memory of Dick Ewing and \$455 in memory of Vivian Ashbacher), and the CD value is \$5,168.54, for a total of \$16,039.74. The report was approved by the members present.

Jim presented the 2010 budget for approval. In reference to purchase of a projector for the Speakers' Bureau, Bob Larkin reminded the Treasurer that VBMGA has a letter from the city that we do not have to pay sales tax. The 2010 budget was approved by the members present. Jim will have the 2010 budget published in Gleanings.

Jim requested notice from any project coordinator expecting to exceed his/her budget amount.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education

Jessica O'Connor reported continuing education opportunities:

- 5/28 Regional Training at the Chesapeake Library on home grown resources, contact Billi Parus,
- 4/27-5/25 Green Thumb, held weekly 7-9pm, contact Ray Michelini,
- 5/6 and 11 intern orientation, contact Fran Shelton,
- Garden tours, contact Patty Maddox if you want to have a tour of your garden,
- 5/19 and 21 Youth education school tours at AREC, contact Sarina Coffin,
- 3/31 Ready-Set-Grow soil delivery, contact Marrian Michael and Demaris Yearick.

Eileen Walsh reported educational trips planned:

- 3/19 Vermicomposting at Virginia Beach extension office at 10:30,
- 4/17 and 5/1 Tram tours of Dismal Swamp at 9:30,
- 5/14 Tour of an organic farm on London Bridge Road, details later,
- 5/15 Plant buying trip to Knott's Creek nursery in Suffolk (no education hours),
- 7/24 Build a tumble composter with Tom Channing.

Communication/Web site

Frank Uzel stated there was no report.

Newsletter

Madge Stampe asked that material for the next newsletter be turned in by March 26. She requested that Standing Committee chairs send their reports to her to put into Gleanings.

History

There was no report, as Pat Stallings was absent.

Membership

Mimi Caswell stated there was no report.

Publicity

Anna Tysor stated there was no report, plans were in the works.

VMGA

Jim Kincaid said there was no report, as the February 2010 meeting was cancelled. However, he provided the following information:

--This year's VMGA president is Betty Villers.

--VBMGA Executive Board recommended a \$1,000 scholarship in honor of VMGA's Bud Gregory.

--3/27 there will be a mini-Virginia Master Gardener College at Virginia State University.

--4/17 there is a continuing education opportunity at Virginia Western Community College in Roanoke.

--VGMA has 565 members. Mary Ann Kincaid is the membership coordinator.

--4/10 is the next VMGA meeting.

President's Report

Karen Renda thanked all VBMGs who helped at the Home and Garden show. We recorded 800 people contacts. She also reported that:

--3/2-3 VBMGA provided leadership training.

--4/23 Tree stewards will participate in Arbor Day. Any MG can attend for hours.

--4/30 Tree and water stewards will have a booth at Earth Day at Mount Trashmore.

--5/6 and 11 Intern orientation is being held.

--5/8 VBMGA plant sale.

--Norfolk Zoo is no longer a VBMGA project.

--6/4 Princess Anne Corridor members will host the next Quarterly Update meeting.

Extension Agent's Report

Susan French reported on 2009 VBMG accomplishments:

--218 volunteers gave 23,712 hours valued at \$486,807. They made 31,249 citizen contacts, especially through Ready-Set-Grow, Speakers' Bureau (72 presentations), and the Help Desk.

--3/2-3 26 VBMGs took the leadership training course. Paul Campbell coordinated this with help of Betty Villers.

--We will have the VBMG intern orientation, despite any budget reductions, as the budget is for next year (2011-2012).

--5/29-30 Virginia Beach Department of Agriculture hosts the Strawberry Festival. Volunteers are needed for the 5/28 set up and on 5/29-30 to help with 4-H and other youth activities.

--3/6,13,20 on Saturdays at the Pungo Blackwater Library we can receive training for education hours.

--See Paul Campbell for information on possible budget reductions that could affect Virginia Cooperative Extension and MGs.

-- Four interns from the 2009 class were recognized as new master gardeners: Lyn Williams, Bev Hunter, Carson Entrekin, and Kay Slover-Eckhardt.

Karen presented gift flowers to Fran Shelton as past President and Eileen Walsh as past Treasurer, in thanks for all their hard work

NEW BUSINESS

Barbara Brawley requested additional volunteers for the Plant Doctor for a new project. The city would like Plant Doctor VBMGs at the Old Farmers' Market at Crocks every other Saturday from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Needed are 2 additional MGs for every 2 hours, 9-11am and 11am-1pm.

Paula McCann requested volunteers for a new project, an herb garden at the Lynnhaven House, starting 3/12 at 9am, to prepare for 4/17 Garden Week. Extension Agent Susan French needs to chat with Mark Reed, of the Historical Houses, before the project can begin.

Leslie Sawyer requested that members contact her with location of any VBMG equipment not currently in the VBMG's shed at AREC. The last inventory was taken in 2008.

Alice Brown, chairman for the May 8 VBMG plant sale at the Farmers' Market, requested volunteers sign up for 5/7 set up, as well as for the sale on 5/8 from 9am to 3pm. VBMGs coordinating activities are Eileen Walsh, Terri Belkov, Carol White, Carol Jarvis and Marge Stouffer for cut flower sales, and Barbara Brawley for Plant Doctor. Karen Green can help identify plants provided for the sale. Labels will be provided to attach to the pots.

David Hendrick requested volunteers for the Master Gardener Junior Summer Camp in June and July. Demaris Yearick is chairman for this. It is 2 sessions of 5 half-days each.

The Community Gardening Festival will be on 9/11 this year.

Susan French was thanked for allowing VBMGs to get education hours for attending the Tidewater Symposium on 3/4/10.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15.