

West Virginia Master Gardener Association
Board of Directors Meeting
June 1, 2007

The June 1, 2007 Board of Directors Meeting of the West Virginia Master Gardener Association was held at the State Fairgrounds in Fairlea, West Virginia with 24 people attending.

President, John Griggs, called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. Each person introduced themselves and told what county they represented.

The President announced the April 14, 2007 minutes had been distributed electronically, and after motion made by Diana Higginbotham and duly seconded by Okey Higginbotham, it was

RESOLVED, the April 14, 2007 Minutes of the West Virginia Master Gardener Board of Directors Meeting be approved as written.

Reports:

Financial- Treasurer, Gary Perigo reported after expenses and deposits, The West Virginia Master Gardener general fund has a balance of \$5,648.31.

After motion made by Becky Chong and seconded by Diana Higginbotham, it was

RESOLVED, that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented.

Extension-Dr. John Jett gave the West Virginia University Extension Report as follows:

-An invitation was extended to attend The West Virginia Botanic Garden, Inc.'s Gateway to the Garden Celebration to be held June 23, 2007.

-The new manual is almost finished. Changes should be a chapter on Agrability and the ability to upgrade older manuals. The targeted price is \$65.00 and a CD may be available.

-A leadership conference was held at Jackson's Mill and a system of statewide reporting of Master Gardener hours was discussed.

-Information was distributed to order Fine Gardening Magazine, who will donate \$10.00 to the West Virginia Master Gardener Association for any new, paid 1,2, or 3 year subscription ordered.

Jennifer Williams, Extension Associate Professor of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department, thanked the Master Gardener Association for the donation made

toward John Jett's travel and announced changes in administration of Mike Garrison, President Elect, and the new Director of Extension, Dave Miller. She also discussed the program review of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department.

Julie Cryser, Extension Development Director, was introduced and offered her fund raising services if the West Virginia Master Gardener Association determines a goal. Her office will help develop a strategy to make that goal.

Volunteer Activities- Willa Izzo reported the West Virginia State Fair will be August 10 – 18, 2007. Volunteers are needed to man the Master Gardener booth and the Demonstration Garden.

Jennifer Soule, Kanawha County, gave a brief update on the 2008 Annual Conference. It will be held April 4 – 6, 2008 and the theme is “Naturally Native”.

The 2009 Annual Conference will be hosted by Preston County.

Awards- Diana Higginbotham reported on the Honorary Master Gardener and Golden Trowel Awards to be given during the Conference.

New Business:

The dates Jackson's Mill is available for strategic planning sessions for Board Members is September 29 and 30, 2007. John Jett has obtained grant monies that should pay for dormitory housing.

Neva Gocke pointed out that on page 2 of the minutes “Dean” should be “President”.

At 5:30 p.m. with no further business to come before the meeting, by motion of Neva Gocke, the meeting was adjourned.

John Griggs, President

Polly Reynolds, acting Secretary