

**Brunswick County Master Gardener Volunteer Association
General Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2008**

President, Shirley Waggoner-Eisenman called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. There were 47 in attendance. Linda Lemieux and Lois Myers were thanked for providing the refreshments.

Recording Secretary, Patty Burns read the minutes of the September 25, 2008 meeting which were accepted as read. She also read thank you notes from Rhonda Sherman, speaker from the September meeting and Brenda Bernhardt, conference attendee.

Treasurer, Allen Smith stated the plant sale and gardening books brought in over \$6,000 this month which is \$1,500 more than last year and there are still \$2,000 – \$3,000 outstanding bills due this year for next year's plant sales. There is still some revenue coming in from the conference since remaining funds are shared 50/50 between the state and local chapter. He indicated that even with three major unbudgeted expenses this year (trailer, greenhouse, and botanical gardens) we should start 2009 with approximately a \$9,000 carryover. The report will be filed for audit.

Greenhouse/Restitution, Ash Tyler stated electricity has not yet been supplied to the greenhouse. He also stated a lot of plants are coming in for next year's plant sales.

Hardscape, Fred Mina stated there are no major projects as of now.

Newsletter, Joe Loughlin asked that bios be sent to him for the newsletter and to contact Cathie Rod for a form.

Nominating Committee, Dominique Loewenstein stated that Shirley Waggoner-Eisenman will remain as President. Lynn Schwartzkopf is nominated for Vice President and Gloria Rapp for Treasurer. The election will be held in November. The proposed nominating committee for 2009 will be Al Smith and Linda Lemieux and also a person appointed by the President.

President, Shirley Waggoner-Eisenman mentioned that there are still caps, shirts, and tote bags for sale from the conference as well as a necklace from the silent auction. Shirley thanked the committee and workers for all their hard work on the conference and stated that there were 356 in attendance which included the speakers. Again she stated that any money made on the conference would be split 50/50 between the state and Brunswick County.

Coordinator, Charlie Spencer said that the extension is providing an appreciation luncheon today for the Master Gardeners. Brad Kammer has been hired to work full time primarily responsible for the botanical gardens. He thanked all those that helped at Sunset Beach and at the conference. He has a lot of orders to fill from the plant sale and sold a lot of gardening books. He asked for more help on the hot line especially since he will be gone until the first of the year. The Farmer's market in Southport has been very successful and the Life on the Farm is again scheduled for three days in November. A sign-up sheet is being passed around and a training session will be conducted for new people. The meeting was adjourned followed by a presentation from Toby Bost on "7 Habits of Successful Gardeners".

Next general meeting will be November 20 which will be followed by updates from the horticulture staff. Refreshments will be provided by Nancy Creasman and Gloria Summerour.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Burns, Recording Secretary