

ANNUAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 21, 2005

Minutes

Present: Jane Bedinger, Beanie O'Neil, Peg Tillery, Gary Gratrix, Kim Loucks.

Meeting called to order approx. 2:32pm by Gary Gratrix, President.

Nominating Committee: Allen McKibben, John Mikesell, Don McDonald Report-

Allen McKibben- The committee's function is to provide a list of candidates for the election of a Board of Directors for the foundation. The election takes place in August with the new Board being installed in September. The committee had to meet one other time to nominate a replacement for the Secretary due to a resignation. M.J. Tyler moved to the secretary position and Robbie Gallagher was elected to fill the "at large" position. Ballots to elect new Board Members were mailed the 1st week of August. 95 ballots were returned before the deadline of September 19th. Ballots were counted by the committee (1 member was absent) on September 20th. Results:

President—Jane Bedinger

Vice President—Terry Strong

Secretary—Sandy Livermore

Treasurer—Gail Everett

Directors at Large—Allen Miller, Marialis Jurges, Wayne Tysver

Audit Committee: Linda Johnston Pam Warner, Gail Everett, M.J. Tyler. Linda Johnston reported that the committee met to go over the books for the period ending July 31st, 2005 and everything checked out fine. See the attached Verification Report. Gary thanked everyone for participating in an outstanding fiscal year.

Communications Committee: Allen McKibben, Peggy Hall, Don McDonald. The newsletter was published bi-monthly on the first of the month during the past year. Articles were written by Master Gardeners. Peg Hall did typing and layout. Colette Wilson will be taking over the newsletter for the coming year and will be making contacts to procure articles.

Finance Committee: Beanie O'Neill. Last fall the budget process began with gathering of income and expense estimates from committees and the Hort. Coordinator. The Board decided not to change dues to MG Foundation members at this time and set up a fee schedule for non-MG members.

November—The calendar idea was proposed to the board.

December—Barnes and Noble gift wrapping made \$775, a 65% increase over last year.

January—The first of the Speaker Series occurred and the Series made a profit this year. The Board met, review and made adjustments to the proposed 2005 budget and a signed copy of the new by-laws was mailed to the IRS.

February—The 2005 budget was approved as was the calendar project, which required ongoing monitoring of expenses.

March—The rookie class purchased the remaining clothing merchandise adding \$1,080.00 in income.

April—A Certificate of Deposit was cashed in for calendar expenses and the Board approved cashing in another CD in July if necessary. The Board also approved the use of Pay Pal in order to sell calendars on the internet.

May—The plant sale brought in \$8,320.00. A record! Pre-sales of the calendar brought in almost \$2,300.00 by the end of June.

July—No need to cash in the CD due to brisk calendar sales. Sharon Howard's husband drove to California to pick up the calendars so they would be available for the Bainbridge in Bloom. Calendar sales income stood at \$10,800.00 by the end of the month.

August—The annual audit was done.

Of the non-fundraising expenses, 7% went to administration costs, 36% to benefit members, and 57% to benefit the program

Policy Committee: Karen Meyer, Fay Linger, Sharon Howard, Mary Manning and Gary Gratrix. The committee met in September and created a list of needed policies, adopted a format for the policies, agreed on a time frame for the review, and assigned one or more policies to each member, who will be responsible for drafting, e-mailing, and presenting a final draft to the Board.

The committee recommends that the Board rescind the existing "Standing Rules." Fay will write a short report for each Foundation Newsletter until the review is finished.

Programs Committee: Laura Pittman-Hewitt, Kathy Morse. Laura and Kathy will be continuing the Third Wednesday Seminars. October and January are scheduled so far. There is a need for topic ideas and more committee members. Peg expressed the importance of getting press releases out in time, keeping in mind that the location of the seminars may change in the future.

Field trips also fall under the Programs Committee; Joyia Rubins has done an excellent job of arranging for field trips this year.

April—Silverdale Water District and Guillemot Cove

May—Mindy Reinke's Coho Run and Country Nursery

June—Dragonfly Farms and Boone Brier Farm

July—Oyster Point Gardens and Savage Nursery

August—Merle Stedman's Dahlias and the Gratrix Gardens

Resource Development Committee: Gary Gratrix, Kim Loucks, Peg Tillery, Val Martinson, Jenny Lund, Beanie O'Neill, Beth Soukup (chair), Frank Deebach (chair).

Accomplishments:

-Drafted a MGF Mission Statement

-Drafted a Resource Development Plan for 2005-2006

-Identified and prioritized projects and wrote an Action Plan to pursue funding

-Surveyed MGs for connections to service organizations

-Developed a draft MGF brochure

-Worked with county planning Anna Smith Garden shelter

The committee will be meeting with the new Board on Wed. Sept. 28th to review and discuss plans for the upcoming year.

Ways and Means Committee: Pam Warner chaired the Plant Sale which was a huge success.

Calendar Committee: Colette Wilson reported that the initial goal of the calendar was to make money which it has and the big calendar selling months are still ahead. A high quality product was produced and successful sales reflect that. There will not be a reprint for more calendars. It is preferable to sell out rather than be stuck with excess calendars.

Gary handed the gavel over to Jane and the meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm.