

Master Gardeners of Bergen County Board Meeting Minutes - Jan. 21, 2025

Meeting held via Zoom and called to order by president at 5:33 pm.

Roll Call

Officers present

- President - Theresa Schneider
- President - Lisa Yoler
- Recording Secretary - vacant
- Corresponding Secretary - Miriam Taub
- Treasurer - Jean Friedman

Committee Chairs present

- Community Outreach Liaison - Arnie Friedman
- Hospitality - Chris Kozar
- Membership - Dineen Policano
- Newsletter - Miriam Taub
- Programs - Lisa Yoler and Maria Bushman (co-chairs)
- Site Coordinator Liaison - Wendy Sowa-Maldarelli
- Volunteer Records – Suzanne Danzig
- Website - Joseph Cooper and Miriam Taub (co-chairs)

Liaisons to Board present

- MG Class Liaison (2024) - Cesar Coy

Approval of November 2024 minutes

- Recording Secretary distributed November's minutes electronically on Dec. 3 and 9, 2024. Request for final corrections and approval of minutes inadvertently missed. Will add approval of November 2024 minutes to the February 2025 agenda.

Officer and Committee Chair reports

- Verbal reports were presented by the President, Treasurer, Volunteer Records chair, Website co-chairs, and Social Media sub-committee chair
- Written reports were submitted by Corresponding Secretary, Membership, and Volunteer Records chairs (see Attachment 1)
- Treasurer filed a report for December 2024 and forwarded a copy to board members for their review.

New Business

- 2025 Budget Approval
 - Treasurer and President presented the budget; discussion followed
 - Motion to approve the 2025 budget made by Suzanne Danzig; motion seconded; no further discussion; voice vote
 - Motion adopted; 2025 Budget approved (see Attachment 2)

Discussion - Board members briefly discussed the following topics:

- Vote on bylaws change during general member meeting Jan. 21
- Strategies for recruiting association members to serve as officers and committee members

- Joel Flagler retirement luncheon Feb. 28.

Adjourn - Motion to adjourn was made by Joseph Cooper and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Minutes prepared by
Theresa Schneider

Attachment 1 - Reports
Attachment 2 - Approved budget

Attachment 1 - Reports

On Mon, Jan 20, 2025 at 7:36 PM Dineen Policano <dmpolicano@gmail.com> wrote:

Theresa,

Below are the updates I will provide at our meeting today. Let me know if you have anything additional I should include. If Jean provides an update before the meeting I can revise the below numbers.

Dineen

- Theresa Schneder and I met with Karen Riede to discuss newly Certified Master Gardeners. Karen agreed to continue to send out pins and cards to the members along with the congratulatory letters.
- As of January 11th, 45 members have submitted their dues (approximately 42%)
- Of these submissions, 7 members completed the google form online, the others submitted manual forms

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Miriam Taub report for Jan. 21 meeting

Corresponding secretary

- Distributed Potting Sheds dated Dec. 1, Dec. 16, Jan. 1, and Jan. 16.
- Mailed Potting Shed and attachments to 2 dues-paying members who don't have electronic access.
- Responded to emails sent to the "info@mgofbc" mailbox.

Potting Shed editor

- Produced Potting Sheds for the above dates.
- Emailed board and site coordinators of upcoming Potting Shed deadlines.

Garden club liaison

- Distributed Potting Shed and notified liaisons of upcoming Potting Shed deadlines.

Website

- Updated meeting notice and "news and newsletters" section as needed. Set up Bergen County Rowing Center under "volunteer sites" section of the website.

Volunteer Records Chair Monthly Report January, 21, 2025

To date we have 109 active/accepted members, out of those members 76 are fully certified in 2024. 23 interns are still in the process of acquiring their hours for certification, most from class of '24 but a few left from '23. 4 interns from class of '23 have been archived for not having logged any hours at all.

In 2024 we logged a total of 1312 CE hours by 86 members, 7232 Outreach hours by 108 members, 103 Helpline hours, 1024 administrative hours by 28 members for a total of 8359 volunteer hours.

We have one newly certified member since our last meeting, congratulations Jennifer Ermoian class of '24.

4 interns from class of '23 have been archived for not having logged into Better Impact.

Attachment 2- Approved Budget

MG of BC Budget for Calendar Year 2025	
	2025 Budget
Income	
Dues	\$ 2,200.00
Donations	\$ 650.00
Speakers Bureau - donations	\$ 1,800.00
Total	\$ 4,650.00
Expenses	
Web Site Fees- Gayle Clayton	\$ 300.00
Web site Hosting Fee- Joseph Cooper pays to StartLogic.com	\$ 300.00
Annual domain name renewal fee	\$ 35.00
Speakers' Fees for 8 lecture	\$ 2,000.00
Skylands Holiday Open House - Decorations & Auction Item	\$ 350.00
Hospitality- 6 in person Meetings	\$ 400.00
Hospitality- BC Fair (2 days)	\$ 300.00
Hospitality - MG Summer Picnic	\$ 500.00
Hospitality - Holiday Party	\$ 500.00
Corresponding Secretary	\$ 75.00
PO Box Annual Rental	\$ 222.00
NJ Corporate Status Fees	\$ 35.00
Postage & check fees (Treasurer)	\$ 20.00
Outreach Activity - Signs for Fall Festival	\$ 100.00
B&O Insurance	\$ 735.66
Total	\$ 5,872.66
Net Income/Loss	\$ (1,222.66)