

Minutes of the August 19, 2014 Meeting  
of the  
HENDRICKS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Rosie Lenihan, 2014 HCMG President.

**Officer Reports:**

Judy Kenninger, Secretary, announced that the minutes from the May meeting were posted on the HCMG website and provided at the registration table before the meeting. A request was made to read the minutes aloud because the posting to the website was delayed, but it was denied because of time concerns on a voice vote. No corrections or additions to the May minutes were offered.

Jill Clouser gave the Treasurer's Report. Bruce Crum moved to accept the report. After a second, the motion carried by a voice vote.

April Blevins, Journalist, announced that updates to the website are in progress and that she will not be a candidate to continue as Journalist in 2015. Interested parties were urged to contact the nominating committee or April for more information about the responsibilities of the position.

**Unfinished Business:**

**By-Laws** Committee Chair Sue Wood reported that all members will receive a hard copy of the proposed by-laws before the September meeting, when they will up for a vote. Anyone with questions or concerns about the by-laws is requested to contact a member of the by-laws committee via email so the committee may respond. Committee members include Sue Wood, Suzy Freeman (co-chair), Bruce Crum, Steve Pearl, Ed Freeman, and Debbie Ashby.

**Adventures in Gardening:** Event chair Bev Russell announced that vendors will have displays. Also, members are asked to save seed pods, bulbs and corms so they can be packaged and distributed during the seminar.

**Teaching Learning Garden:** Magen Eller was absent, so Rosie Lenihan gave her report. Two upcoming events are scheduled at the Teaching/Learning Garden at Danville's Ellis Park near the gazebo. On Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 6:30 pm, we will discuss fall planting for bulbs and rhizomes as well as some décor from the garden. On Thursday, Oct. 16 at 6:00 pm, we will discuss saving seeds from the garden, fall garden cleanup, and tender plants: what to dig and how to store.

**Farmers Markets:** Chairs Chuck and Pat Dallas could not attend the meeting. Rosie Lenihan gave their report saying that they are stepping down at the end of this year. In 2014, they have sold \$136 worth of cookbooks, identified 41 potential interns and 10 to 12 potential attendees for Adventures in Gardening.

**Avon Outdoor Learning Center Update:** Steve Pearl reported that Hobb's Nursery will be open to the public on September 20 with a percentage of sales going to the OLC. Also, all volunteers will need to have background checks for the upcoming school year.

**County Extension Agent Report** - Jon Cain announced that this was his last meeting as extension educator.

**Volunteer Opportunities/Projects** - Rosie Lenihan urged members to sign up to work during Adventures in Gardening. Also, contact an officer if you are looking for volunteer hours.

**Year to Date Master Gardener Hours** – Rosie Lenihan announced that members have reported 3915 hours so far this year. Please remember to turn in your hours to the extension office.

#### **New Business**

**Salute to Jon Cain** - John Orick, Purdue MG State Coordinator, gave a brief overview of Jon Cain's career, which was followed by a standing ovation by attendees.

The business meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Following the break, Carrie Tauscher of the Indiana Dept. of Natural Resources conducted a Tree Identification Workshop.

Respectfully Submitted

Judy Kenninger

2014 HCMG Secretary