

Minutes of the February 18, 2014 Meeting  
of the  
**HENDRICKS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS**  
As Amended (amended text italicized) March 26, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Rosie Lenihan, 2014 HCMG President. After welcoming our new class of interns, she asked them to stand and be recognized,

**Officer Reports:**

Judy Kenninger, Secretary, asked that the minutes be approved as posted on the HCMG website and provided at the registration table before the meeting. Motion approved.

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

April Blevins, Journalist, announced that the communications committee will be meeting soon to discuss how to improve communications and better publicize the activities of Hendricks County Master Gardeners. This initiative includes updating the hendricksgardener.com website, adopting an official logo for the Hendricks County Master Gardeners, and having photos taken at all events. She had circulated criteria for the logo on the meeting agenda.

*Colletta Kosiba stated that the Hendricks County Master Gardeners had adopted the bench as the official logo in 2008, when Koshiba was serving as president continued during her term in 2009. The logo was used during Eloisa Garza's two terms as president and Jim Trocha's two terms as president. Colletta Kosiba objected to the removal of the logo without a vote from the membership.*

*Following discussion, Rosie Lenihan stated that the board would go ahead with omitting the logo of the bench and seek a new logo from HCMG. Rosie asked for a show of hands of the members, the Majority of members give the board consent by show of hands.*

**Unfinished Business:**

**By-Laws** Committee Chairs Sue Wood and Suzy Freeman reported that the committee is still revising the by-laws to comply with IRS regulations concerning 501(c)(3) organizations and other matters.

**Intern** Committee Chair Sue Wood, asked the Master Gardeners to co-host an upcoming meeting and/or speak to the interns about their activities with the group.

**Cookbook** Committee Chair Debby Ashby reported that the cookbook is nearly ready to be submitted to the publisher and should be ready for sale at the Gardening for All Ages show on April 26.

**Gardening For All Ages** Ed and Suzy Freeman, co-chairs, announced that moving the speakers to adjacent rooms allows for the addition of six booth spaces this year. The speaker schedule is nearly set, and 800 trees are on order for distribution. They will include White Pines, River

Birch, and Bald Cypress. Interns and Master Gardeners can now order T-shirts for the event, and long-sleeve T-shirts are available this year for \$18.

**HCMG Handbook and Directory:** Theresa Mathieson, Chair, announced that handbook was available at the meeting. Rosie Lenihan and the entire group thanked her for the hard work that went into it. Once the by-laws revision has been approved, copies will be made

**Christmas Party** will be held at Dawson's Too in Brownsburg on Dec. 2.

**Volunteer Opportunities** Rosie Lenihan announced that the group is exploring the possibility of establishing a demonstration garden in a Hendricks County park.

**Plainfield Correctional Facility Project** Eloise Garza, chair, reported that the project will continue in 2014 and asked for volunteers to participate.

In **New Business**, Michelle Tramm asked Master Gardeners to volunteer to serve as educators during the Plainfield Garden Tour on June 21 & 22.

Barb Zupan noted that Damman's Garden Center on Rockville Road will host Master Gardeners for a propagation class on March 29, followed by a class on no-dig gardening. Also, Bruce Crum will host our group for a nature walk to view native plants in mid-April.

The business meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Following the break, John Chapin of Chapin Landscaping presented the program, Hydrangeas for Midwest Gardens.

Respectfully Submitted

Judy Kenninger

2014 HCMG Secretary