

Minutes of the January 30, 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. After welcoming our new class of interns, she asked them to stand and be recognized,

**Officer Reports:**

Judy Kenninger, Secretary, did not have a Secretary's report but announced that the minutes from each meeting will be posted at the <http://www.hendricksgardeners.com/> website within one week of the meeting and will be available for review during the 30-minute social time prior to the following meeting.

Jill Clouser, 2014 Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report, which included the balance sheet as of Jan. 17, 2014, of \$11,235.86. She also noted that 2014 memberships were due on Jan. 1. Suzy Freeman moved to accept the report. After a second, the motion carried by a voice vote.

April Blevins, Journalist, asked for volunteers to help publicize the Hendricks County Master Gardeners.

**Unfinished Business:**

Jon Cain, our county extension agent, reported that new intern class has 48 members.

The By-Laws Committee, chaired by Sue Wood and Suzy Freeman, reported that they hope to complete the committee's recommendations in the next two months. Once the new by-laws have been approved by the full organization, an addendum will be printed to insert in each member's Handbook and Directory. The new by-laws will reflect training the committee members are receiving on regulations concerning 501(c)(3) organizations.

The Intern Committee chair, Sue Wood, recognized Pat Harmon for volunteering as intern class hostess for the past several years. She also asked the Master Gardeners to co-host an upcoming meeting and/or speak to the interns about their activities with the group.

Rosie Lenihan reported the results of the 2013 membership survey and explained how meetings and activities planned for 2014 reflect those results. She then presented the proposed 2014 budget. After discussion, Bruce Crum moved to approve the budget, and his motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Bruce Crum is the project coordinator for 2014. All Master Gardeners planning new or ongoing projects during the coming year are asked to fill out the Project Approval Form on the website and submit it to Bruce for approval by Jon Cain and the Board.

Ed and Suzy Freeman are co-chairs of the Gardening For ALL Ages spring garden show to be held April 26. They noted that many volunteers are needed for this event and urged every member and intern to sign up to help.

Steve Pearl, chair of the Avon Outdoor Learning Center project, reported that their native plant sale is scheduled for May 16-17.

Eloise Garza, chair of the Plainfield Correctional Facility Project, reported that 70 offenders participated in the program during 2013, and they raised eight tons of produce for distribution to local food pantries and Gleaner's Food Bank.

Adventures in Gardening, a day-long educational seminar, will be held Oct. 4.

In **New Business**, it was announced that the HCMG Directory has been renamed as the HCMG Handbook and Directory to clarify that it also contains the group's by-laws and other important information.

Volunteer sign-up sheets were posted for 2014 Committees and attendees were urged to sign up during the break.

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

Following the break, Master Gardener Colletta Kosiba presented the program, 2013 Year In Review.

Respectfully Submitted

Judy Kenninger

2014 HCMG Secretary