

Minutes of the March 18, 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, asked that the minutes of the February be approved as posted on the HCMG website. Colletta Kosiba offered an amendment to the minutes, Robin Parsley moved to accept the amendment and it was approved on a voice vote. (The amendment has been added to the February minutes on the hendricksgardener.com site).

Jill Clouser gave the Treasurer's Report. After discussion, Colletta Kosiba moved that the budget to actual expenses report be prepared quarterly. Motion was approved on a voice vote. Robin Parsley moved that the report be approved and the motion passed.

Barb Zupan gave the Vice President's report on upcoming programs. In June, a bus trip is planned to Yew Dell Botanical Gardens and Hidden Hill Nursery, both in the Louisville area. The cost of \$45 per person includes transportation, box lunch, snacks and admission to Yew Dell (There is no charge for Hidden Hill). Members and guests are urged to register before April 16 when nonmembers will have the ability to sign up. If 40 gardeners don't sign up by May 2, the trip will be cancelled and registration fees returned. The July meeting will be held at Washington Park in Avon. On the July agenda: intern graduation and pitch-in picnic.

Our Journalist, April Blevins, was absent. Rosie Lenihan gave her report announcing that the newsletter will be distributed on the first Tuesday of each month.

Unfinished Business:

County Extension Agent Jon Cain advised members that they don't need to turn in training hours for regular meetings of the HCMG.

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. They will email copies of the proposed revisions to all members in the coming months.

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 Debbie Ashby reported that the cookbook has been sent to the printer and will be ready for sale at the Gardening for All Ages show on April 26 at \$8 per book.

Gardening For All Ages Ed Freeman, co-chair, announced that nearly all booths have sold out and door prizes are coming in well. Volunteers are needed for seed-sorting and children's booth. Also, items are needed for Gardeners' Closet.

Adventures in Gardening – Bev Russell, chair, announced that speakers are nearly set.

Training Opportunities Rosie Lenihan reminded members of the upcoming spring garden walk with Bruce Crum, which hopefully will be the first of several “open gardens” to be held this summer. Dammann’s has scheduled a plant propagation workshop at 9:30 a.m. on March 29, followed by a class on no-dig gardening at 11 a.m.

In **New Business**, Martha Gooldy reported on a new project that will establish a **teaching garden** in the courtyard at Van Buren Elementary school in Plainfield. The area will be redesigned to help teachers and students meet the Indiana Science Standards. Volunteers will need to pass a background screening.

Jon Cain urged members to consider submitting their projects for a **Search for Excellence Award** during state convention. It is hoped that the Plainfield Correctional Institute project can be submitted.

Finally, Rosie Lenihan announced that a **suggestion box** will be available during meetings for comments, etc. It will be placed on the snack table.

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

Following the break, a program on Water Conservation was presented by Jessica Norcross of Hendricks County Soil and Water Conservation District. Members then participated in a rain barrel workshop led by Barb Zupan.

Respectfully Submitted

Judy Kenninger

2014 HCMG Secretary