

Minutes of the September 16, 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 and Committee Reports:

Judy Kenninger, Secretary, announced that the minutes from the August meeting had been posted on the HCMG website and provided at the registration table before the meeting. No corrections or additions to the August minutes were offered. Steve Pearl moved the minutes be approved, after a second, the motion carried on a voice vote.

Jill Clouser gave the Treasurer's Report. No questions or additions were offered.

April Blevins, Journalist, announced that the newsletter is usually published the first week of the month. Those wanting to have content included should turn that in to her by the last week of the month.

Adventures in Gardening: Event chair Bev Russell announced that nearly 100 people have registered so far. Pre-orders of books will be accepted and members are asked to collect seeds to bring in seed packets to the set up for the seminar. Also, volunteers are needed from 1 to 4 p.m. on Oct. 3 to help with set up.

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.

ANR Educator Update: Rosie Lenihan reported that John Orick, State Master Gardener Coordinator at Purdue, has indicated it's unlikely a new ANR Educator will be hired for Hendricks County before the first of the year. This will have several repercussions. First, no hours will be approved before the new educator begins. Master gardeners are still urged to turn in hours as they earn them so they can be approved when the new educator is in place. Second, because of the first issue, there will be no status awards presented at our December Christmas party. (Intern of the Year and Master Gardener of the Year awards will be awarded.) Finally, at the present time, we should not plan on an intern class to begin in January of 2014.

By-Laws Committee Co-Chair Suzy introduced the committee members: Co-Chair Sue Wood, Bruce Crum, Steve Pearl, Ed Freeman, and Joe Ashby. She reported that all members had received a hard copy of the proposed by-laws. Ed Freeman then led a discussion of the proposed by-laws, delineating where they differed from the previous by-laws and which changes had been made to satisfy IRS requirements and which were at the advice of counsel or the preference of the committee members. Objections were raised in two areas: 1) indemnification of board members for actions taken on behalf of HCMG, and 2) the elimination of the requirement to mail

proposed by-law changes to all members. Joe Ashby moved that the revised by-laws be adopted to take effect Dec. 1, 2014.

Following a second, the show-of-hands vote totals were 38 yes, 4 no and 4 abstentions. According to the by-laws, to amend the by-laws amendments a minimum of two-thirds of members present must vote in favor of the change. With 46 members present, a minimum of 31 votes were needed, so the motion was approved.

Nominations Committee: Steve Pearl, committee chair, announced that the nominations committee for 2015 officers also includes Ginny Brandgard and John Rardin. Those wishing to serve as or nominate officers for 2015 are asked to contact a committee member at the email addresses and phone numbers listed in the HCMG directory.

Unfinished Business

Volunteer Opportunities/Projects - Rosie Lenihan urged members to sign up to work during Adventures in Gardening.

Year to Date Master Gardener Hours – Rosie Lenihan announced that members have reported 4,566.5 hours before Jon Cain’s last day. Please continue to turn in your hours to the extension office.

The business meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Following the break, Dottie Warner of Frazee Gardens presented the program “Lower Cost Alternatives to High Cost Plants”

Respectfully Submitted

Judy Kenninger

2014 HCMG Secretary