

Minutes of the Feb. 17, 2015 Meeting  
of the  
**HENDRICKS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Rosie Lenihan, 2015 HCMG President.

**Officer and Committee Reports:**

**Secretary's Report:** Judy Kenninger reported that the minutes of the January meeting were posted online at HendricksGardeners.com. Suzy Freeman moved to approve and the motion passed on a voice vote.

**Communication Director** – Ed Freeman reported that volunteers and content are needed for the website, photography and newsletter. Contact Ed to begin contributing.

**Gardening For All Ages** – Suzy Freeman reported that plans are underway for our spring garden show, scheduled for April 25 at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds Expo Hall. Volunteers are asked to sign up for four-hour shifts as the lack of an intern class means that all master gardeners will need to become involved. The food vendor is Courthouse Grounds from Danville. A volunteer is needed to run the AV equipment in the speaker area.

Subcommittee chairs reported also gave updates: Becky Troutman asked for donations of items to be sold at the Gardener's Closet. Pat Grier reported that the theme for the children's booth is flowers and she welcomes volunteers to help as well as shredded tissue paper. Trees are on order, and we'll be giving away 500 elderberry, flowering plum and dogwood trees this year. Newspapers and newspaper bags are needed to wrap the trees.

Chuck and Pat Dallas have agreed to do one of the presentations, but more master gardeners are needed to do presentations during the show. Contact Ed or Suzy Freeman for more information.

Also, event sponsor Dammann's Garden Center is hosting an educational event for gardeners on March 28 at the Rockville Rd. store. Called Plant Geek Gardening, it'll have speakers and a tour of the production facilities. Registration by calling 381-9787 is required. Dress for the weather.

**Insurance:** Martha Rardin reported that bids have been requested from three Hendricks County agents and the committee will have a recommendation for the board within the next few weeks.

**Adventures in Gardening:** Theresa Mathieson asked for volunteers to help with the event planned for Oct. 3.

**Refreshments:** Martha Gooldy asked members to sign up to contribute refreshments and also to purchase paper goods to use during the meeting. We will no longer be providing bottled water, so members should bring their own or fill cups at the drinking fountain.

**Operations Committee**—Steve Pearl, a new co-chair, reported that the committee has met twice and has been renamed the Policies and Procedures Manual Committee but will still fulfill the original duties specified under the recently adopted bylaws. This is simply a nomenclature change. Additional committee members are welcome. Contact Sue Wood or Steve for more information.

**Avon Outdoor Learning Center** – Steve Pearl reported that an Everyday is Earth Day celebration is planned for April 8 – 28, and the event will include a family day at the OLC on April 18. The Native Plant Sale is May 1 – 2.

## **Unfinished Business**

HCMG President Rosie Lenihan made the following announcements.

- Progress has been made in hiring a new ANR Educator! More news should be coming soon.
- Jan Myers and her proofreaders have completed the 2015 HCMG Member Handbook and Directory, which was distributed at the meeting.
- The 2014 financials have been audited and signed off on.
- Volunteers are needed to head up the Farmers' Market booths at Plainfield, Brownsburg, Danville and Avon next summer. Volunteer leaders may choose to head up only one location instead of all four.
- A one-day bus trip to the Missouri Botanical Gardens in St. Louis will take place on June 27. Registration forms to come.
- The March meeting topic is "Plant Breeding for Gardeners" and the speaker is Magen Eller.
- Vicki Coleman has suggested purchasing a small greenhouse to use during spring/summer events and then serve as a door prize for Adventures in Gardening.

Program: Linda Blocher spoke on "Judging Flowers and Produce at the Fair"

Respectfully Submitted

Judy Kenninger

2015 HCMG Secretary