

Minutes of the January 20, 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 with 51 members and two guests in attendance.

**Officer and Committee Reports:**

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

**Treasurer's Report** – Karen Smith presented the proposed 2015 budget. Robin Parsley moved to approve, and the motion passed on a voice vote.

**Communication Director** – Ed Freeman reported that website now has a contact form, which has already been used. Volunteers are needed to help with website, photography and newsletter. Contact Ed to begin contributing.

**Gardening For All Ages** – Ed 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. Seeds are already in, and two sponsors have paid their fees. Master gardeners are also needed to do presentations during the show. Contact Ed or Suzy Freeman for more information.

**Van Buren School Garden**—Martha Gooldy reported that the school has constructed raised beds, and they'll be filled with soil soon. Volunteers are needed to help the children with activities in the garden area as well as to create plant identification tags.

**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.

**Plainfield Correctional Center** – Eloisa Garza reported that 2015 plans are underway with offenders being offered classes year-round. Volunteers are needed to provide presentations and to assist with the program. Contact Eloisa for more information.

**Scholarship** –Tom May reported that information is being sent to all Hendricks County high schools. The \$1500 scholarship is open to any 2015 graduate of a Hendricks County high school who plans a career in agriculture. Application information will also be posted on the hendricksgardeners.com website.

**Operations Committee**—Sue Wood reported that the next meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 12 from 6-8 pm in Classroom A at Hendricks County Fairgrounds and additional committee members are welcome. Contact Sue for more information.

**Unfinished Business**

HCMG President Rosie Lenihan made the following announcements.

- Directory changes should be sent to Jan Myers by Feb. 1 for inclusion in the 2015 HCMG Member Handbook and Directory.
- The interview process for the new ANR Educator has not begun but John Orrick at Purdue is working with us to ensure that HCMG activities can advance while we await our new educator.

- A one-day bus trip to the Missouri Botanical Gardens in St. Louis is being planned for this summer.
- Volunteers have come forward for open gardens, and master gardeners are urged to consider hosting an event this summer.
- Theresa Mathieson will chair the Adventures in Gardening conference set for Oct. 3 at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds.
- The February meeting will feature Linda Blocher discussing judging of flowers and produce at the fair.

Program: John Chapin of Chapin Landscaping in Danville gave an informative presentation on Viburnums.

Respectfully Submitted

Judy Kenninger

2015 HCMG Secretary