

Minutes of the September 15, 2015 Meeting  
Of the  
**HENDRICKS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER, INC.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by HCMG President, Rosie Lenihan.

**OFFICER & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

MINUTES: Steve Pearl moved to approve the minutes of the April 2015 meeting. Joe Ashby seconded the motion, and motion was approved by the membership.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Karen Smith indicated that there was a minor error on the treasurer's report. The year-to-date budget shows a \$2,749.88 surplus over budget as of 9/14/15.

COMMUNICATIONS: Ed Freeman requested membership to contribute information for the newsletter, including project updates. He reported that the new on-line payment program for AIG was working well.

ADVENTURES IN GARDENING: Theresa Mathieson updated everyone on AIG status. There are still volunteer opportunities available for the event, including Registration, Greeters, Silent Auction and Cleanup. Barb Zupan requested delivery of donations for the silent auction by Sept. 17

ANR REPORT: Angie Tilton reminded members that we are still looking for approximately 20% of the membership to submit their volunteer agreement forms, as required by Purdue. Anyone who needed their photo ID checked could do so at the meeting. She stated she will begin calling members who have not completed the form.

Angie announced that Master Gardener classes will begin on Thursday, January 7, 2016 and continue to April 7 (or April 14, depending upon any possible weather postponements, etc.) The cost will be \$116.00.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT: Bruce Crum provided the following slate:

President – Becky Troutman  
Vice President – Vicki Coleman  
Treasurer – Karen Chapman-Smith  
Communications Director – Ed Freeman  
Secretary – TBD

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

HEARTH OF PRESTWICK: Bruce Crum presented photographs of new 4' x 8' raised beds built for the residents of Prestwick, wishing to grow fresh vegetables. The project began in April, and by May beds were designed by Steve Pearl and built by Bruce and Steve. It is expected they will be ready for use in Spring 2016.

HCMG CHRISTMAS PARTY: Martha Rardin provided the date for this year's Christmas dinner, December 8, at 6 PM for social hour, 7 PM for dinner. It will be held in the South Hall (Auditorium) of the Fairgrounds Complex Center, catered by Mayberry Café, Danville. Price per person will be approximately \$20-25 each. Martha then polled the group to see how many members would like to have alcohol served at the event. Detailed information on signing up for the dinner will be posted on the website and in the November & December newsletters.

Rosie Lenihan noted that HCMG is invited to decorate the complex's Christmas tree with dried flowers and blooms, as in the past.

Rosie also added that members who took the "squash challenge" last Spring should bring a sample of their produce to the October meeting, and be prepared to talk a bit about the culinary aspects (how they prepared it, its taste, etc.)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

HENDRICKS COUNTY PARKS: HC Parks is looking to HCMG for ideas on educational programs to be held in the various county parks. Anyone having ideas on something we could offer in that regard is requested to contact Rosie Lenihan.

OLC FUNDRAISER/HOBBS NURSERY: Steve Pearl reminded everyone that on Sept. 26, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Hobbs Nursery is providing HCMG an opportunity to get volunteer hours by assisting at the Hobbs Nursery Outdoor Learning Center fundraiser. Volunteers would answer plant questions. Contact Steve Pearl to volunteer or for questions.

20-YEAR MEMBER RECOGNITION: Ed Freeman presented Colletta Kosiba with a certificate recognizing her efforts over the past 20 years as a master gardener.

**PROGRAM**

"SEASON OF HERBS AT WHITE RIVER GARDENS" was presented by Indiana Herb Society member, Sue Arnold.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
T S Freeman

