

Hendricks County Master Gardeners  
Minutes of the January 15, 2019 Meeting

Call to Order and Welcome - The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Steve Pearl, 2019 Hendricks County Master Gardeners (HCMG) President.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Steve Pearl asked for the November meeting minutes to be approved as posted on the HCMG website, e-mailed earlier this month, and included on the handout at tonight's meeting. Robin-Elizabeth Parsley motioned to accept the November meeting minutes. Sara Fenton seconded the motion. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Steve Pearl said the Treasurer's Report was on a handout and asked if anyone had any questions. No one did. He said Ron Stoner was the 2018 Treasurer and Joyce Karns is the 2019 Treasurer.

Jeff Pell, Hendricks County Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) Educator, provided an update on the 2019 HCMG Intern Class. It is scheduled to begin on January 29<sup>th</sup> and will be held on Tuesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Only six people have registered for the class. Jeff said the class will only be held if at least ten people sign up to take it. Jeff also announced the Indiana Small Farm Conference and said there were flyers for it on the back table.

Steve Pearl said that even though Veronica Mount, 2019 Communications Director, is out of town for a few months, she is still preparing the monthly newsletter. Articles for the newsletter may be e-mailed to her.

Kim Somermeyer, Gardening for All Ages (GFAA), Committee Co-chair, announced there are only eighty-eight days until GFAA. Cards with GFAA information are on the back table and may be taken to give to others. Sign-up sheets and Sign-Up Genius will be used. Suzy Freeman said Hendricks Power Cooperative is the main sponsor and Lawson & Company are associate sponsors. Kim said Chuck and Pat Dallas have already signed up ten vendors. Roxanne McGlone has ordered 600 trees for the GFAA Free Trees Booth. Judy Kenninger has added GFAA information to our Facebook Page. Colletta Kosiba, Dick Meier, and Todd Mathieson have volunteered to give presentations.

Steve Pearl said Becky Troutman, Demonstration Garden Committee Chair, was unable to attend the meeting. She wanted him to let everyone know that the Demonstration Garden Committee held their first meeting of the year to begin "getting their ducks in a row for this year".

Steve Pearl said Carol Gillaspay, Sheltering Wings Committee Chair, was unable to attend the meeting. The first training session is scheduled for January 19, 2019. Due to the upcoming winter storm, the training session will be rescheduled.

Steve Pearl said Colletta Kosiba, Speaker's Bureau Committee Chair and HCMG Historian, was unable to attend the meeting. So far, she has five speakers signed up. Steve asked us to share history information with her.

Steve Pearl said the Education Center will reopen this year and will be open for one day a week. The HC Extension Break Room will be our office. Vicki Coleman and Sara Fenton will be the 2019 Education Center Committee Co-chairs. A volunteer meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Housekeeping Items

Steve Pearl said that the dues for 2019 are \$15 for a single member and \$25 for a couple. They are due today. He also discussed photos to be used for the 2019 HCMG Directory and in the MG Manager system.

Steve Pearl reminded us that volunteer and education hours need to be reported and the Annual Agreement must be signed each year. He also said we must complete the online class if we are going to work with minors.

Steve Pearl announced that Judy Kenninger will be the 2019 Summer Picnic Committee Chair. The picnic will be on July 23, 2019, the Tuesday after the Hendricks County Fair, at the Arbuckle Park Bundy Lodge.

### Housekeeping Items (continued)

Steve Pearl went over some “Opportunities for 2019”. They are as follows:

- Avon Farmers Market Committee Chair
- Winter Dinner and Awards Committee Chair
- Volunteers for the May Plant Sale Auction, Education Center, Speakers Bureau, and Photographers (sign-up sheets are on the wall)

Steve Pearl asked that we all help promote the upcoming HCMG Intern Class that will begin on January 29<sup>th</sup> if enough people register for it.

Steve Pearl asked to be advised of any donations of produce from ongoing projects.

Steve Pearl asked who brought refreshments tonight. Those individuals were thanked for the wonderful refreshments.

### Unfinished Business

Jeff Pell, ANR Educator, handed out some awards.

### New Business

Steve Pearl went over the 2019 HCMG draft budget. He asked if anyone had any questions. No one did. He asked for a motion to approve the budget. Teri Mitchum motioned to approve the budget. Roxanne McGlone seconded the motion. The motion carried by a voice vote.

### Audience to Members

Steve Pearl announced one door prize. It is a gift certificate from one of the GFAA vendors. The winner must purchase \$50 of products and will then receive a \$25 discount.

Steve Pearl asked if anyone has a show and tell or garden idea. No one did. He said that this part of the agenda will be removed for future meetings.

Steve Pearl asked for a motion to adjourn the business meeting. Chuck Dallas motioned to adjourn the meeting. Howard Lacey seconded the motion. The motion passed and the business meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

### Dates to Remember:

- Hendricks County Soil and Water Annual Meeting – January 29, 2019 6:00 p.m.
- Horticulture Congress – February 12, 2019 – February 14, 2019
- Outdoor Learning Center Native Plant Sale – April 25, 2019 4:00 p.m - ? (setup), April 26, 2019 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (sale), and April 27, 2019 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (sale)
- Adventures in Gardening – September 27, 2019 (setup) and September 28, 2019 (event)

Following the break, Eric Knox and Paul Rothrock presented the program, IU Deam Herbarium.

Submitted by,

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2019 HCMG Secretary