

Hendricks County Master Gardeners  
Minutes of the February 19, 2019 Meeting

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

Officer and Committee Reports:

Theresa Mathieson asked for the January 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. Suzy Freeman motioned to accept the January meeting minutes. Chuck Dallas seconded the motion. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Joyce Karns, 2019 HCMG Treasurer, went over the Treasurer's Report.

Jeff Pell, Hendricks County Agriculture and Natural Resources (HC ANR) Educator, provided an update on the 2019 HCMG Intern Class. He was able to recruit twenty people to attend the classes. Five classes have been held, with ten remaining. Jeff reminded everyone about the upcoming Small Farm Conference scheduled for February 28, 2019 – March 2, 2019.

Theresa 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.

Steve Somermeyer, Gardening for All Ages (GFAA), Committee Co-chair, announced there are only fifty-three days until GFAA. Steve said all speakers have been confirmed. Sign-up sheets and Sign-Up Genius will be used to volunteer. Dizzy Izzy is our food vendor this year. They specialize in grilled cheese sandwiches. Chuck Dallas said they have sold fifty-six of sixty-two booths. Kerry Cates said the theme for this year's Children's Booth is Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. Magen Eller is handling the Gardening Wizard but is just getting started on it. Vickie Coleman is handling the Free Seeds Booth. She will announce an afternoon meeting and an evening meeting to sort seeds. Becky Troutman said she is handling the Gardener's Closet again and will take all donations. She asked that we hold on to them until the end of March.

Becky Troutman, Demonstration Garden Committee Chair, said we have had a few meetings. We are planning to get two new signs – one Demonstration Garden sign to be placed at the west end of the garden and one for the Pollinator-Friendly Garden. Dick Meier is planning for new additions to the raised bed area of the Demonstration Garden. An irrigation system will be placed in certain areas of the Demonstration Garden. Becky said we are partnering with the Marion County Soil and Water Conversation District. They are funding the purchase of native plants to help with the addition of a Rain Garden to the Pollinator-Friendly Garden. This will alleviate the drainage/water issues that have been present in one area of that garden. They are also funding the purchase of some plants for the Entrance Garden.

Carol Gillaspy, Sheltering Wings Committee Chair, said the majority of the volunteers have received their training. The remainder of the volunteers will be trained on March 14, 2019 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm or on April 27, 2019 from 9:00 am – 11:00 am. She is going to schedule a team meeting soon.

Cathy Frederick, Chair May Plant Sale and Auction, said the May Plant Sale and Auction will be on May 21, 2019. The Shop and Go part of the sale will begin at 6:00 pm. The Auction part of the sale will begin at 7:10 pm. A short business meeting will be held before the auction. Since the May Plant Sale and Auction is open to the public, lots of refreshments are needed. Cathy will be unable to attend the March 2019 meeting but will bring flyers, pots, and labels to the April 2019 meeting.

Eloisa Garza, Chair Plainfield Correctional Facility, said we have been doing gardens at the facility for six seasons. Plan to have another garden this year. Rita Kerner and Terry Meingasner have volunteered. A meeting will be held next week. Eloisa asked people to touch base with her if they are willing to start plants for the garden.

### Officer and Committee Reports (continued):

Sara Fenton, Co-chair Education Center, said they held their first meeting today. The Education Center will be open on Thursdays. Twelve people have volunteered so far. We may be allowed to use Meeting Room D as our permanent office. Education Center business cards will be available at GFAA.

Colletta Kosiba, Speaker's Bureau Committee Chair and HCMG Historian, asked each of the members of the Speaker's Bureau to stand up and say what presentations they have available. Kelly Allen, Dick Meier, Nancy Rice, Jackie Rosales, and Becky Troutman each listed the presentations they have available.

### Housekeeping Items

Theresa Mathieson went over some "Opportunities for 2019". They are as follows:

- Winter Dinner and Awards Committee Chair
- Open Gardens

Theresa Mathieson said sign-up sheets for the Education Center are on the wall.

Theresa Mathieson said there is only one slot available in the Master Gardener Booth at the Flower and Patio Show. It is on March 13, 2019 from 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Sign up should be done in the MG Manager system.

Theresa Mathieson said this year's HCMG Directory will be available at the next meeting.

Theresa Mathieson asked who brought refreshments tonight. Those individuals were thanked for the wonderful refreshments.

### Unfinished Business

Jeff Pell, HC ANR Educator, handed out some awards.

### New Business

Theresa Mathieson announced that people have noticed what a good job we have done with the Demonstration Garden and are interested in hiring a HCMG to work at the HC Fairgrounds. Since it is a paid position, no volunteer hours may be claims. Anyone interested should contact Steve Pearl, 2019 HCMG President.

Jeff Pell, HC ANR Educator – Announced that there will be a meeting on March 7, 2018 from 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm to discuss Farmer's Markets.

Theresa Mathieson asked HCMGs Rhonda Legan and Barb Zupan to come to the front of the room. Steve Pearl prepared "Presidential Awards" to recognize them for being Master Gardeners for twenty years. Theresa presented the award certificates to Rhonda and Barb.

Theresa Mathieson asked for a motion to adjourn the business meeting. Robin-Elizabeth Parsley motioned to adjourn the meeting. Teri Sundin seconded the motion. The motion passed and the business meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Following the break, Colletta Kosiba presented the program, You Can Do It.

Submitted by,

Terri Tramm  
2019 HCMG Secretary