

**Hendricks County Master Gardeners**  
Minutes of the February 18, 2020 Meeting

Call to Order and Welcome - The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Steve Pearl, 2020 Hendricks County Master Gardeners (HCMG) President.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Steve Pearl asked for the January 21st meeting minutes to be approved as posted on the HCMG website and included on the handout at tonight's meeting. Robin Parsley motioned to accept the January meeting minutes. Judy Kenniger seconded the motion. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Steve Pearl asked if there were any questions on the Treasurer's Report. There were none.

Steve Pearl provided the HCMG Board Report and discussed the two signup sheets that were posted at tonight's meeting: Bylaws Review and Photographers.

Education Report - Jeff Pell, Hendricks County Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator was unable to attend. Steve stated the last intern class meeting will be April 15, 2020. Officers will provide refreshments for the pre-test day and Steve would like Committee chairs to attend to encourage future participation in current projects.

Judy Kenniger, Communications Director – Continue to send updates for Facebook.

Ed Freeman, Webmaster – Ed stated the website is being updated for GFAA speaker information and officer update

Gardening for all Ages – Steve Somermeyer announced that 67 days were left. Dammann's Lawn and Garden Center is a new sponsor. Signups will be posted on the website later this week. Hendricks Power will display one of their new Tesla electric cars at the show and will feature GFAA information in their upcoming company newsletter. Chuck Dallas stated most booth space has been sold and Kerry Cates reminded everyone that lots of volunteers are needed for the children's booth. Working with Minors training needs to be current. 4H students will assist in the booth and bug collections will be needed.

GFAA Tshirts – Sharon Miller stated orders can still be taken through March and payments can be made to Teri Mitchum. T-shirts will be available at the April meeting and also the day before GFAA. Steve stated volunteers can wear their HCMG t-shirts or vests for the show.

Becky Troutman, Demonstration Garden Committee Chair – Weather has limited any activity but planning continues.

Carol Gillaspay, Sheltering Wings Project Committee Chair – Next meeting is 26Feb2020. Would like to consider "Gardens to Go" for residents due to many short-term stays for families.

Susan Gackenheimer, Sycamore Services Project Committee Chair – No updates at this time.

Karen Smith – Biggest Little Farm Movie Screening – Karen was unable to attend. Movie is April 16, 2020 at 7pm. Ticket distribution still to be determined.

Vicky Coleman, Education Center - Start up in May and will be staffed on Tuesdays instead of Thursdays. Considering a name change and possible local library visits. More updates to be provided at the March 2020 HCMG meeting.

Eloisa Garza, Plainfield Correctional Institute Committee Chair – Two classes have already been presented and seeds have been started for use in the Demo garden and the Correctional Institute. Donated organic soil and seed trays from the Brownsburg Walmart have been stored at the Somermeyers and will be used for the Demo garden and the Correctional Institute.

Historian / Speakers Bureau, Colletta Kosiba – Colletta thanked everyone for recent pictures and emails.

Housekeeping Items –

- a. Working with Minors – Steve stated that certification is good for 2 years but there is not an easy way to look up expiration dates. He encouraged everyone to spend about 5 minutes and complete the certification yearly.
- b. 2020 Opportunities – Steve stated there are still a few Chairperson vacancies and encouraged members to consider signing up.
- c. Plant Sale and Auction, May 19, 2020 – Never too early to consider plants that can be dug in the Spring for donations.
- d. Directory – In draft form and hopefully will be distributed at the March meeting.

Unfinished business – Advanced Master Gardener Presentation made to Larry Freeman for his volunteer work in 2019.

New Business - Colletta Kosiba asked if the group might consider a microphone purchase for the speaker's bureau.

Steve Pearl asked for a motion to adjourn the business meeting. Chuck Dallas motioned to adjourn the meeting. Robin Parsley seconded the motion. The motion passed and the business meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m

After the break, Jeff Haverly of the Elders Climate Action presented the educational program

Submitted by,

Cathy Frederick  
2020 HCMG Secretary