

Hendricks County Master Gardeners
Minutes of the August 18, 2020 Meeting

Call to Order and Welcome - The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Steve Pearl, 2020 Hendricks County Master Gardeners (HCMG) President.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Steve Pearl asked for the February 18, 2020 meeting minutes to be approved as posted on the HCMG website and included in the handout at tonight's meeting. Judy Kenniger motioned to accept the February meeting minutes. Sara Fenton seconded the motion. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Steve Pearl asked if there were any questions on the Treasurer's Report.

A comment was received regarding the total for membership fees. Teri Mitchum explained that some of the revenue was captured in last years budget. Steve also announced that a Saving account has been created and \$35,000 transferred to that account for protections reasons.

Steve Pearl provided the HCMG Board Report:

1. Steve discussed the two policies that were put in adopted by the board. One stating that virtual attendance is considered present at monthly meetings and the second policy regarding memorials in the directory.
2. The board has also cancelled the Plant Sale/ Auction and the Winter Dinner and Awards.
3. Steve also mentioned the Bylaw revisions that will be covered under new business.

Educator Report: Jeff Pell stated the new Master Gardener class will start Tuesday, August 25th. Purdue will have 480 total participants and 14 are from Hendricks County. Each county will have a local hour connection. Hendricks County will be on Thursdays to discuss questions and quiz material. Jeff would like current Master Gardeners to join in to discuss current activities and projects. Contact Jeff for more details. Educational credit is available

Judy Kenniger, Communications Director: August 28th is the deadline for the next newsletter.

GFAA T-shirts: Sharon Miller was present and distributed T-shirts.

Becky Troutman, Demonstration Garden Committee Chair: Becky showed the "adopt a plot" plan and stated that several projects have been tabled until 2021. Currently, 75 pounds of produce have been donated so far.

Biggest Little Farm Movie Screening: Karen Smith unable to attend. Movie to be rescheduled for 2021.

Eloisa Garza, Plainfield Correctional Institute Committee Chair – Eloisa was unable to attend. June/July yielded 235 pounds of produce for various charities

Education Center: Has been shut down for the remainder of 2020.

AIG – Susan Gackenheimer stated that the conference is still moving forward for October 10th. Speakers are still on board with a new speaker added. Box lunches will be served along with bagged snacks. Only in-person attendance is being planned at this time with a \$15.00 fee to cover the food costs. Ed Freeman is working on the registration website that should be ready in a few days.

Historian / Speakers Bureau, Colletta Kosiba: No new updates at this time. Jeff Pell mentioned he might use the speaker's bureau for the Master Gardener Class.

Housekeeping Items –

- a. Nominating Committee – Pat and Chuck Dallas and Vicky Coleman will present candidates at the September Meeting. Two new officer positions have been added.
- b. Directories – Steve has distributed several but will leave the remaining ones with Janet at the Fairgrounds office.
- c. Entering hours – continue to record volunteer and educational hours. Annual agreements will be due September 1st.

- d. Committee Reports - AOLC Plant Sale has been cancelled. The 2020 HCMG Scholarship was awarded to Dylan Kottkamp of Cascade High School. Steve also made the sad announcement that the Hendricks County Master Gardeners lost another member, Pam Brown. Details regarding her service have been emailed to all members.

New Business -

Proposed Bylaw Revision – Steve discussed the process for the revisions. A committee made recommendations and the board reviewed over the summer and adopted the revisions. Those changes include the addition two new officers (Assistant Treasurer and a Project Coordinator, aligning the updates to match Purdue guidelines and minor wording/grammar changes. The revisions will be discussed again at the September meeting and ratified at the October Meeting in time for election of new officers.

Audience to Members – No other questions / comments.

Steve Pearl asked for a motion to adjourn the business meeting. Bruce Crum motioned to adjourn the meeting. Robin Parsley seconded the motion. The motion passed and the business meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m

Educational Program presented by Broch Martindale. Field to Vase – Cut and Wildflower Production.

Submitted by,

Cathy Frederick
2020 HCMG Secretary