

Hendricks County Master Gardeners
Minutes of the September 15, 2020 Meeting

Call to Order and Welcome - The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Steve Pearl, 2020 Hendricks County Master Gardeners (HCMG) President.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Steve Pearl asked for the August 18, 2020 meeting minutes to be approved as posted on the HCMG website and included in the handout at tonight's meeting. Robin Parsley motioned to accept the August meeting minutes. Teri Mitchum seconded the motion. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Steve Pearl asked if there were any questions on the Treasurer's Report. He explained that the HCMG board decided to open a savings account to reduce our exposure to fraud if our PayPal account gets hacked.

Steve Pearl provided the HCMG Board Report: GFAA is still uncertain. The board decided to move forward with the tree order of \$150-\$200 since the order need to be placed in October. If GFAA is cancelled, a public tree give-away will occur. At this time, there are plenty of seeds for the show. Walmart made a generous donation.

Educator Report: Jeff Pell stated the new Master Gardener class has started and Hendricks County has 14 participants. Colletta Kosiba and Dick Meier have presented. Watch for e-mails from Janet for future presentation opportunities. Volunteer hours are available for presentations.

Judy Kenniger, Communications Director: End of September is the deadline for the next newsletter.

GFAA T-shirts: Sharon Miller provided her phone number and stated she can meet members if they would like their T-shirts.

Becky Troutman, Demonstration Garden Committee Chair: Becky stated that 125 pounds of produce has been donated from the demo garden. More updates to follow. Becky also mentioned that available plots are still available. Call Becky if interested in assisting or if members have new ideas or comments.

AIG – Susan Gackenheimer stated the deadline for registration is September 28th for the October 10th conference. The maximum attendance is 100 participants and there are currently 24 registered. One of the speakers notified Susan stating they have contracted Covid-19. At this time, it is unclear if they will be able to present at the conference. The AIG committee may need to locate another speaker.

Housekeeping Items –

- a. Complete the Annual agreements and make sure to note Hendricks County on the form.
- b. See Janet in the office if you have not received a directory. The 2021 directory will not be a picture format due to the cost.
- c. Enter Education and Volunteer hours by October 31st.
- d. Steve mentioned that HCMG lost another member, Laura Wilbur. In addition, Ron Stoner's wife, Barb, has passed.

Unfinished Business - Proposed Bylaw Revision – Steve stated that the vote will occur in October prior to the Officer elections.

New Business – Vicki Coleman presented the slate of officers for 2021:

Steve Pearl – President
Sara Fenton – Vice President
Cathy Frederick – Secretary
Teri Mitchum – Treasurer
Bruce Crum – Assistant Treasurer
Project Coordinator – Dick Meier
Communication Director – Ed Freeman

Audience to Members –

- a. Nancy Rice brought an Eastern Red Cedar that needs a new home. She also mentioned attending a Virtual Webinar. There is a new invasive species field guide that the education center might be interested in.
- b. Steve mentioned the Scarecrow contest in Danville and stated that Rosie Lenihan could be contacted for more details.
- c. Contact Becky Troutman if you are interested in receiving composting worms. She needs to give some away.

Steve Pearl asked for a motion to adjourn the business meeting. Sara Fenton motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bruce Crum seconded the motion. The motion passed and the business meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m

Educational Program presented by John Chapin, Outstanding Proven Winner Shrubs.

Submitted by,

Cathy Frederick
2020 HCMG Secretary