

Hendricks County Master Gardeners
Minutes of the April 20, 2021 Meeting

Call to Order and Welcome - The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm by Steve Pearl, 2021 Hendricks County Master Gardeners (HCMG) President.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Steve Pearl asked for the March 16, 2021 meeting minutes to be approved as posted on the HCMG website. No additions or corrections were noted. Bruce Crum motioned to accept the March meeting minutes. Nancy Rice seconded the motion. The motion carried by a show of hands.

Steve Pearl asked if there were any questions on the Treasurer's Report. No questions or corrections.

Educator Report, Jeff Pell – Jeff reminded everyone to follow Janet Cunningham's emails for updates.

Communications Director, Ed Freeman – no updates.

GFAA 2021, Steve and Kim Somermeyer – Steve went over the e-mail information that Janet Cunningham has sent to all Master Gardeners. Setup begins on Friday at 8:00 am. Doors open Saturday at 6:30 am and Steve went over parking instructions for both days. Group Picture will occur at approximately 8:30 on Saturday. Steve mentioned the Barn is not heated so dress appropriately. Leave valuables in cars and masks / badges need to be worn. All Floaters need to see Kim for assignments upon arrival.

Plant Sale and Auction, Barb Pantos – This annual event will take place on Tuesday, May 18th at 6PM at the Cartlidge Barn at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds. Setup will begin around 3 pm and signup slots are available for setup, pricing, processing payments and cleanup in the MG Management system. Barb demonstrated the kits that will be provided this year. Contents include materials needed to label plants and detailed instructions – kits will be available at the Fairgrounds office and will also be available during GFAA for the Master Gardeners that could not attend tonight's meeting. Be sure to dig and re-pot your plant contributions at least 2 weeks before the plant sale. Will accept annuals, perennials, bulbs, herbs, vegetable and flower starts. We plan to have a special section at the sale for Native plants. Bulbs can be placed in paper bags. If unable to pot larger plants, please put them in paper bag with ID tag affixed to the bag. Chemicals including fertilizers, herbicides and insecticides are not accepted. Invasive plants are also not accepted. Plant Sale & Auction proceeds help fund our Annual Scholarship. Auction items that are needed include unique plants, trees, bushes, houseplants and garden art.

Demonstration Garden Chair, Becky Troutman – Becky stated there was a meeting in April. Some money has been spent on seed supplies for the Plainfield Correctional Facility. The entrance beds have been cleaned and raised beds are being worked on. Will add display food cans next to many of the vegetables as an educational opportunity. There is also a plan to show diversity by planting vegetable and flowers together in the beds. Steve and Kim Somermeyer have donated asparagus plants.

Help Center, Vicki Coleman – no updates.

Sheltering Wings, Carol Gillaspay – There was a team meeting on April 4th. Two classes are scheduled for May. Need volunteers for future classes. A large garden has been planned with many herbs added. Contact Carol for volunteer opportunities.

Sycamore Services, Susan Gackenheimer – no updates.

Plainfield Correctional Facility, Eliosa Garza thanked Dick Meier and Becky Troutman for their collaboration with seed supplies. The greenhouse is ready and Eliosa will send pictures of the vegetable growing flats. Flowers and herbs have also been planted. Eliosa will send more updates and pictures after GFAA. She will also share pictures with Colletta.

Historian and Speakers Bureau, Colletta Kosiba asked everyone to forward pictures to her from GFAA.

Homemakers Extension, Rosie Lenihan – Rosie discussed the possible upcoming theme for the Hendricks County Fair, "I can". There will be a Food Drive and the extension is working with teachers to encourage gardening education. The Hendricks County Master Gardeners have made a \$100.00 donation for a grant. Rosie is also looking for child size garden tool donations.

Housekeeping Items –

- a. Working with Minors Certification, Link: <http://tinyurl.com/PUminorcert>
Steve asked everyone to complete. Certification is for 2 years.
- b. Volunteer and Education Hours, Revised 2021 Volunteer Hours requirement
- c. Open Gardens – contact Sara Fenton
- d. Next Business Meeting in September, 2022 Officer Nominees – Steve needs volunteers for the Officer Nominating Committee.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business –

- a. Beautify Main Street Project – Contact: Anne Johnson at anne@discoverdowntowndanville.org.
Danville is looking for Master Gardener advice for flower planting. Volunteer hours are available. Contact Anne is interested.

Audience to Members - (Questions, Comments, Announcements) – Jeff provided a link for Clean Sweep on August 26th. This is an opportunity to dispose of pesticides and herbicides.

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 8:15 pm.

Educational Program – Ponds and Water Features – Scott Cochran

Submitted by: Cathy Frederick, 2021 HCMG Secretary, April 22, 2021