

Hendricks County Master Gardeners
Minutes of the September 21, 2021 Meeting

Call to Order and Welcome - The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Steve Pearl, 2021 Hendricks County Master Gardeners (HCMG) President.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Steve Pearl asked for the April 20, 2021 meeting minutes to be approved as posted on the HCMG website. No additions or corrections were noted. Sara Fenton motioned to accept the April meeting minutes. Teri Mitchum 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 asked everyone to read e-mails from Janet which contain current information and announcements. He also reminded everyone to complete the Purdue Annual Volunteer Agreement and keep volunteer hours up to date. Information was distributed showing the new Purdue logo t-shirts. More information will be sent by e-mail on details for ordering. Jeff is hoping to offer a new Master Gardener Training class in late January.

Adventures in Gardening, Susan Gackenheimer and Carol Gillaspay – Susan encouraged everyone to sign-up for the October 9th seminar and they are still accumulating silent auction items. At this time, there are 48 registrants. Expenses are low for the seminar – no speakers have asked for fees and many decorations have been donated. Set-up is Friday, October 8th – times will be sent in an email.

GFAA 2021, Kim and Steve Somermeyer- Steve mentioned there will be a focus on the children's area and activities since this was not offered for the 2021 GFAA.

Gardeners Closet, Becky Troutman – Becky stated that so many items have been donated that are not garden related, she is considering a name change. To be determined.

Demonstration Garden, Becky Troutman – More mulch is needed in the entrance beds. Could use volunteers on October 7th to spread mulch, fertilize and provide general clean-up.

Help Center 2021, Vicki Coleman – Vicki stated the Help Center will close down on September 28th and will start again April – May 2022.

Sheltering Wings, Carol Gillaspay – A garden was planted for 2021. Kathe Rae presented a program on container gardening. Hope to offer more classes/projects next year.

Sycamore Services, Susan Gackenheimer – Susan would like to offer more mentoring and smaller group instruction for next year.

Historian and Speakers Bureau, Colletta Kosiba – Colletta was unable to attend. No updates.

Housekeeping Items – Purdue Annual Volunteer Agreement and Volunteer and Education Hours entry deadline was covered by Jeff Pell earlier.

Unfinished Business – 120 people showed interest in the MG class at the Hendricks County Fair MG booth.

New Business –

Slate of 2022 Officer Candidates – Nominations Committee: Vicki Coleman, Jackie Rosales and Sue Squiller. Voting will occur at the October 19th meeting.

President – Sara Fenton
Vice President – Debbie Off
Secretary – Sharon Miller
Treasurer – Teri Mitchum
Assistant Treasurer – Bruce Crum
Project Coordinator – Karen Smith
Communications Coordinator – Carl Osborn

Audience to Members - (Questions, Comments, Announcements) – Dick Meier encouraged members to adopt a raised bed for 2022.

Steve Pearl asked for a motion to adjourn the business meeting. Teri Mitchum motioned to adjourn the meeting. Carl Osborn seconded the motion. The motion passed and the business meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Due to an unexpected travel commitment, Robert Jean was unable to provide the education presentation on Bees. Sara Fenton provided a summary of an education seminar she attended on Invasives.

Submitted by: Cathy Frederick, 2021 HCMG Secretary, October 2, 2021