

HENDRICKS COUNTY EXTENSION MASTER GARDENERS

Minutes of the April 18, 2023 Business Meeting

Call to Order & Welcome~The meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM by Debbie Off, President, HCMG.

SECRETARY'S REPORT~Minutes of the March 21, 2023 general business meeting reviewed by attendees. Motion to accept by Karen Smith and 2nd by Sara Fenton.

Treasurer's Report~Teri Mitchum presented the March Treasurer's report.

Project Coordinator~Karen Smith asked the assembly to let her know of any projects we can consider doing in the community.

County Fair~Vicki Coleman is still hoping to get plants of any kind in an unusual pot to showcase upcycling to line the booth at the County Fair.

Please remember to sign up early enough for the fair volunteer slots so you will get your free parking pass in time for that day.

Nominating Committee~Vicki Coleman is looking for a Treasurer! Eligibility requires you to have been a Master Gardener for 2 years in good standing.

Demonstration/Pollinator Gardens~Becky Troutman: There has been some sprucing up of the gardens and Becky said they will be putting in the drip irrigation and anyone that wants to see how it's done can get education hours. Day and time will be determined later.

Gardening For All Ages 2023~Kim and Steve Somermeyer: Only 11 more days!!

Setup is on Friday, 28th and volunteers can arrive by 9am. There will be a lot happening before the vendors start arriving by 2:00 PM.

Wear your MG shirt and name badge!!

Remember to park on the WEST side gravel lot and enter the building by the Demo gardens on Friday and day of the event, Saturday.

There is no safe place to lock your purse.

Saturday morning set up workers arrive at **6:15 am** to finalize setups. Everyone else arrives at **8:15 am** in preparation for a short meeting and group photo at **8:45 am** prior to opening the doors at 9:00!

Plant Sale~Kathleen Kindred had plant identification kits for the plants we will offer at the sale. Remember to record your hours from potting up plants and identifying them.

Karen Smith will have a plant dig on April 25th from 2:00-3:30.

Scholarship Committee~Jan Myers and Rosie Lenihan will be reviewing the 14 applicants for the two scholarships available.

Adventures in Gardening 2023~Susan Gackenheimer and Carol Gillaspy-There are 4 confirmed speakers. Kathleen Hull, Martha Rardin, Laura Kearby, and Diane Werblow from the Gourd Society The theme is 'Who is in the Garden'.

Sheltering Wings~Carol Gillaspy said they are planting container gardens of vegetables and flowers on May 13th at 10:00 am.

Plainfield Correctional Facility Project - Eloisa Garza talked about how nice the Blessing of the Gardens and Mass with the Archbishop went. Flowers will go in after some much needed dirt is added. She is happy to report 8 new volunteers!

New Website Overview~Igor, presented the major highlights of the new website, hendrickscomastergardeners.org. It will be released after GFAA. We will be able to access events, volunteer hours, pay dues, gardening links, blogs, plant resources, public questions with MG follow up and so much more! They would love feedback for content and improvements as it evolves.

Housekeeping Items-Debbie

Volunteer & Education Hours—<http://purdue.edu/mg-volunteer/login.php>

Working with Minors Certification-<http://tinyurl.com/Puminorcet>

Unfinished Business

Sign ups for Outdoor Learning Center Native Plant Sale on May 12th-13th will be available.

New Business

We are exploring grant possibilities. If you have any experience with grants we would love your expertise!

Adjournment

Debbie Off asked for a motion to adjourn the business meeting. Chuck Dallas motioned to adjourn and Teri Mitchum 2nd. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Submitted by Sharon Miller, Secretary

PROGRAM

Rad Drew—iPhone Photography in the Garden

Dates to Remember:

April 28th–Set up for GFAA

April 29th—GFAA

May 11th–Tour of Danville High School FFA Greenhouse

May 12th-13th Native Plant Sale–Avon Outdoor Learning Center

May 16th–Plant Sale, Expo Hall

July 25th–Summer Picnic at John Chapin's

September 19th–HCMG Meeting

September 28th–Beasley Orchard Tour

October 7th–AIG

October 17th–HCMG Meeting

November 21st–HCMG Meeting

December 12th–Winter Dinner and Awards