

HENDRICKS COUNTY EXTENSION MASTER GARDENERS

Minutes of the November 21, 2023 Business Meeting

Call to Order & Welcome~The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Debbie Off, President, HCMG.

SECRETARY'S REPORT~Minutes of the October 17th general business meeting reviewed by attendees. Motion to accept Sara Fenton and 2nd by Dee Dee Moore.

Treasurer's Report~Teri Mitchum presented the October Treasurer's Report.

Educator Update~ Jeff Pell is encouraging everyone to do their annual agreement. The 2024 Master Gardener Intern class dates will be determined soon as well as class time.

Communications Coordinator, Newsletter~Kathe Rae wanted everyone to check their information in the directory so changes can be made in the 2024 directory. Any ideas for articles, pictures from events or information to be shared can be given to Kathe for the Newsletter.

GFAA 2024~Kim and Steve Somermeyer said we are 158 days away! Susan Gackenheimer and Vicki Coleman will co-chair GFAA starting 2025! They will work closely this season learning from Kim and Steve. Chuck Dallas confirmed 24 booths already committed!! Four inch pots are needed for the donated bulbs that we plant and sell at GFAA. Donations of pots can be given to Dee Dee Moore or Jo Vickery. John Dottenwhy said we have 1200 free trees this year. We will need shredded paper and plastic sleeves for the trees. There are 500 Redbuds, 200 River Birch, 200 Sugar Maples, 100 Norway Spruce, and 100 Silky Dogwood. Our next organizational meeting is January 8, 2024 6:00 PM at the Fairgrounds Classroom B&C. Here are the committee heads:

Budget: Martha Rardin

Bulbs: Jo Vickery/Dee Dee Moore

Chairpersons: Kim/Steve Somermeyer with Vicki Coleman/Susan Gackenheimer Apprentices

Children's Activities: Karen Smith/Karry Cates, Advisor

Facilities: Steve S, Steve Pearl, Denny Nelson

Gardener's Closet: Biljana Tygart Greeters: Sharon Miller

Oversight: Jeff Pell, Debbie Off Photography/Publicity: Kathe Rae

Publicity: Judy Keninger Postcards, posters, banners: Ann Wynn

Publicity banners: Steve Somermeyer Seeds: Deb Pease, Cindy Pierson

Speaker's workshops: Carol Gillaspy, Kathe Rae

Speaker Support: Ron Stoner, Ed Freeman Sponsors: Suzy Freeman

Trees: John/Dee Dottenwhy Vendors: Chuck/Pat Dallas, Teri Mitchum

Wizard/MG Booth: Rosie Lenihan, Jan Myers, Ed Freeman

Speaker's Bureau~ Karen Smith will partner with chair Carol Gillaspy to help with more requests for speakers. They want to encourage those that have any gardening expertise or passion to share with the community. There are many opportunities coming up.

Winter Dinner~Suzy Freeman/Kathleen Kindred have been busy making decorations for our fun Winter Dinner/Awards event coming up on December 12th. Reservations are \$30 and the deadline is November 30th. Festivities start at 6:00-6:30 with appetizers donated from Hendricks Regional Health. A bar, including beer, wine and soft drinks will be offered. They are asking for beer and wine donations. Please call/text Suzy so they have a variety of different choices. The DHS Show Choir will be performing! All attendees are asked to donate any size diapers/pull ups to be given to Hendricks Co Department of Children's Services that always have a need. *What's Cooking* is providing the meal.

Holiday Tree Decorating 2023~Dee Dee Moore and volunteers are planning on decorating Monday, November 27th at 1:00 PM. They are all organized and ready to start to make the season festive! We will see how beautiful it is while attending the Winter Dinner!

Plainfield Correctional Center~Eloisa Garza reported that 1700 pounds of vegetables were harvested from the gardens this summer! She met with the advisory board at the center and our Master Gardener's Board. It is clear that the men want to continue to garden and both boards want the same. Plainfield has improved security with more people and cameras.

Demonstration/Pollinator Gardens~Terri Tramm/Dick Meier explained that the gardens were started in 2016. Again, we entered the demo garden in the All-American Selections competition. We were awarded Honorable Mention with our entry this year! We also won Honorable Mention in 2018. AAS will be sending seeds and seedlings for spring planting. We will be adding more beds and replacing or rebuilding the raised beds that are deteriorating.

Housekeeping Items-Debbie

1. Volunteer & Education hours-<http://purdue.edu/mg-volunteer/login.php>
2. Working with Minors Certification-<http://tinyurl.com/PUminorcert>

Audience to Members (Questions, Comments, Announcements) Thank you to Margrie Bontrager for donating plant cuttings to take. Teri Mitchum brought garlic to share. Contact Ann Selvy if you want or know anyone wanting a piano. She has a friend that wants to give one away.

We all want to thank Teri Mitchum for her generous time as our Treasurer! Tonight is her last meeting as Treasurer! Martha Rardin will be stepping into her role. Good Luck, Martha! Debbie Off asked for a motion to adjourn the business meeting. Dee Dee Moore motioned to adjourn and Teri Mitchum 2nd. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm.

Submitted by: Sharon Miller, Secretary

Program: Vermicomposting— Michele Jones, ANR, Morgan County

Date to remember: December 12, 2023-Winter Dinner and Rewards

