

Hendricks County Master Gardeners
Minutes of the January 17, 2017 Meeting

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Following Social Time, Colletta Kosiba presented the program, Growing Up – Vertical Gardening. The program ended at 7:45.

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Call to Order and Welcome - The meeting was called to order at 7:50 p.m. by Becky Troutman, 2017 HCMG President.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Becky Troutman asked that the November meeting minutes be approved as posted on the HCMG website. Karen Smith motioned to accept the November meeting minutes. Roxanne McGlone seconded the motion. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Vicki Coleman, Vice President, announced some of the speakers she has lined up for future meetings. She also said Cathy Fredrick has volunteered to do an Open Garden and Barb Zupan has volunteered to do two Open Gardens. She may arrange a visit to Garfield Park Conservatory in June or August. They have tours available to Master Gardeners on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month.

Ron Stoner, Treasurer – See under New Business

Ed Freeman, Communications Director/Gardening for All Ages (GFAA), said members who have volunteered for GFAA before may contact the committee chairs to let them know you are interested in volunteering again. GFAA sign-up sheets will be available at next month's meeting. He asked members to save newspaper and bags. They will be needed to wrap the 500 free trees that we will be giving away. He also said garden related items are needed for the Gardener's Closet (to be run by Becky Troutman again).

2018 State Conference – Rosie Lenihan, Co-Chair, said the 2018 State Conference committee did not meet in December 2016 and met briefly in January 2017. Once schedules are firmed up, volunteer sign-up sheets will be available at the meetings.

Old Business

Scholarship – Becky Troutman is getting ready to send out the scholarship information. Applications must be postmarked by April 24, 2017. Karen Smith is the Scholarship contact person. Information will be sent to Hendricks County High School Guidance Counselors; advertised in the newspaper; sent out through 4-H leaders; and through local home school groups. Additional information is available on the HCMG Website under the Scholarship link.

HCMG Volunteer Hours and Training Received Reporting Form – Becky Troutman asked us to turn in our hours in a timely manner. The form is on the HCMG Website under the Members link under Forms to download and print. If we sign in at the monthly meetings, we don't have to include the meetings on the reporting form.

New Business

2107 HCMG Budget - Becky Troutman presented the new budget and mentioned some of the new categories.

Karen Smith, 2016 HCMG Treasurer, said we netted over \$3,600 over last year.

Jim Trocha inquired about the PayPal Fees. Ed Freeman explained that when payments are received by credit card, a fee is charged each time.

Jim Trocha asked about the Apiary Expense. Becky Troutman asked Terri Tramm, Secretary, to provide an explanation, which she did. Ed Freeman and Becky provided additional explanations about the Demonstration Garden and Apiary. Jim and other members expressed concerns about a garden they previously had at the HC Fairgrounds. Becky will meet with ANR Educator Angie Tilton to discuss these issues. Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

Judy Kenninger motioned to approve the 2017 HCMG Budget. Jan Myers seconded the motion. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Outdoor Learning Center (OLC) Native Plant Sale – Becky said Steve Pearl was unable to attend this evening but wanted to announce the OLC Plant Sale is scheduled for Friday, April 28, 2017 from 4:00 – 7:00 and Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 9:00 – 3:00. Setup is scheduled for Thursday, April 27, 2017 at approximately 4:00. Volunteers are needed.

Plainfield Correctional Facility Project – Rita Kerner said they need help starting plants to use at the facility.

Volunteer Sign-Up Sheets – Becky said they were on the wall and asked members to sign up.

Mark Your Calendars

Jim Trocha told members about the Porter County Garden Show in Valparaiso, Indiana. It is on January 28, 2017. Additional information is available on the Porter County Master Gardeners Website.

Becky pointed out additional presentations listed at the bottom of the meeting agenda.

Becky read off numbers for door prizes.

The business meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Submitted by,

Terri Tramm
2017 HCMG Secretary