

Hendricks County Master Gardeners
Minutes of the February 21, 2017 Meeting

Following Social Time, the following individuals presented the program, Panel Discussion on the Demonstration Garden Project:

- Steve Patterson - Executive Director of the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Complex
- Angie Tilton - Agricultural and Natural Resources Educator, Purdue Extension, Hendricks County Office
- Debbie Kovacs – Chair, Demonstration Garden and Apiary Committee

Call to Order and Welcome - The meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m. by Becky Troutman, 2017 HCMG President

Officer and Committee Reports:

Becky Troutman asked for the January meeting minutes to be approved as posted on the HCMG website and included on the handout at tonight's meeting. Robin Elizabeth Parsley motioned to accept the January meeting minutes. Steve Pearl seconded the motion. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Ron Stoner, Treasurer – Becky Troutman said the updated budget was on the back of the meeting agenda.

Ed Freeman, Communications Director/Gardening for All Ages (GFAA), provided an update on the status of GFAA and said volunteer sign-up sheets were on the wall tonight. He asked members to continue saving newspaper and bags. They will be needed to wrap the 500 free trees that we will be giving away. Chuck Dallas announced that fifty-eight booths have been sold and they have two verbal agreements. Becky Troutman announced she will be handling the Gardener's Closet again this year and asked for donations.

Jerry McIntyre, Hendricks County Master Gardener's Education Center – The Education Center will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays this year beginning on February 28th. So far, thirty-two volunteers have signed up. HCMG purchased a new computer to be used in the Education Center.

Jan Myers, Co-Chair 2018 State Conference, said the 2018 State Conference rocks will sell for \$55. We will be able to sign up next month to purchase the rocks. Their first check is in the mail. She reminded us the 2018 State Conference will be on June 7 – 9, 2018. We are to save those dates!

Linda Rogers, HCMG Shirts, said order forms were available to purchase new HCMG T-shirts. They are available in several colors this year. Short-sleeve t-shirts in sizes S, M, L, and XL are \$15. Long-sleeve t-shirts in sizes S, M, L, and XL are \$20. Plus sized t-shirts (i.e. XXL, etc.) are \$1 extra per shirt. Money will be collected at the April 18th meeting.

Old Business

Becky Troutman said she prepared sign-up sheets for members to provide snacks for the monthly meetings. She asked for volunteers to handle this moving forward.

Becky Troutman asked for volunteers to handle the Farmers Markets. Two volunteers are needed. One volunteer is needed to handle each Farmers Market location. She explained the duties involved.

Open Gardens – Becky Troutman checked with Angie Tilton to clarify the hours that will be approved for Open Gardens. For the Host, Angie will only approve time spent doing out of the ordinary things to get ready (i.e. adding signs, setting up chairs, etc), not routine garden maintenance. She will also approve hours for the Host for the Open Garden time period. For the Visitor, Angie will approve one hour of education time.

New Business

Becky Troutman asked for the Demonstration Garden and Apiary to be approved as a new HCMG project. Robin Elizabeth Parsley motioned to approve. Judy Kenninger seconded the motion. The motion carried by a show of hands.

Becky Troutman explained why the HCMG Board decided to have HCMG sponsor two members to attend the grant writing workshops. These two members will write grant proposals for the Demonstration Garden and Apiary Project and other HCMG Projects. The cost is \$175 * 2. Becky asked for these sponsorships to be approved. Jan Myers motioned to approve. Robin Elizabeth Parsley seconded the motion. The motion carried by a show of hands.

Old Business (continued)

Angie Tilton provided those in attendance with the Purdue University, Purdue Extension, Civil Rights: Summary Points Handout. She explained EEO requirements.

Angie Tilton provided those in attendance with a handout discussing the new Purdue MG Manager system. We need to be transferred over to the new system (i.e. registered and inputting our time) by April 2017. We need to enter our hours beginning with November 1, 2016. We can also enter time we forgot to include on prior time reports. Moving forward we will need to enter our time for attending the HCMG meetings. Even though we will still sign in, we also need to enter our time in the new system.

Outdoor Learning Center (OLC) Native Plant Sale – Steve Pearl reminded us that 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. Sign-up sheets will be available at the next meeting.

Becky Troutman announced and presented awards.

The business meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Submitted by,

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2017 HCMG Secretary