

Hendricks County Master Gardeners
Minutes of the April 18, 2017 Meeting

Call to Order and Welcome - The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Becky Troutman, 2017 HCMG President.

Officer and Committee Reports:

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

Angie Tilton, ANR Educator, complimented everyone on the good variety of food. She also said the Gardening For All Ages (GFAA) line up of vendors is excellent. She reminded us to enter our time online. She clarified number of contacts to include in our time entry. For example, for an event like GFAA, a count is taken at the door so we should enter zero for the number of contacts.

Vicki Coleman, Vice President, thanked the people who sorted seeds for GFAA. She said the set up for the Hendricks County Master Gardeners (HCMG) Hendricks County Fair Booth (HCFB) is on Friday, July 14, 2017. The HCMG HCFB will be open from Monday, July 16, 2017 through Friday, July 20, 2017. We need projects for the booth. We have to pay for parking passes this year. They will be \$3 per person if ordered by July 1, 2017. She needs to know who will be volunteering and how many passes to buy no later than July 1st. The parking passes will be \$5 after July 1st. If people volunteer after July 1st, they will have to pay for their own parking passes. She said we keep track of all of the contacts made in the booth as a whole. However, we as individual HCMGs do not keep track of the number of contacts we each make.

Open Garden – Colletta Kosiba said a lot of people showed up for her Bare Bones Garden Tour and a good time was had by all.

Open Woods – Bruce Crum said four people showed up. They went on a tour that lasted about 1.5 hours and enjoyed themselves.

Vicki said a tour of the Garfield Park Conservatory is scheduled for June 10, 2017 at 2:30. The time spent on the tour is approved for HCMG education hours. The cost of the tour is \$2. She will need a count of the people who want to go.

Vicki asked for volunteers for open gardens. She said we do not have to open our houses just the gardens.

Ron Stoner, Treasurer – Becky Troutman said the Treasurer's Report was on the back of the meeting agenda.

Ed Freeman, Communications Director/Gardening for All Ages (GFAA), said we can still volunteer for GFAA if we haven't already.

Becky said John Chapin wrote an article about GFAA for Nuvo.

Becky said Jerry McIntyre, Hendricks County Master Gardener's Education Center Chair had surgery and is going to be out for awhile. The Education Center is still open.

Rita Kerner, Plainfield Correctional Facility Project Co-chair, said they have not met with Bob so they do not yet have an update. If we can start some plants for them, it would be great.

Rosie Lenihan, Co-Chair 2018 Purdue Master Gardener State Conference, said they are not meeting monthly right now. Everything is on track. Letters to solicit donations and money have all been mailed. Sycamore Services donated the use of a bus for the tour of the Plainfield Correctional Facility. Martha Reardon is the

Food Team Chair. A co-chair is needed. The 2018 Purdue Master Gardener State Conference will be on June 7 – 9, 2018. We are to save those dates!

Linda Rogers, HCMG Shirts, said the shirts are available to pick up tonight.

Debbie Kovacs, Demonstration Garden Committee Chair, was not available for an update.

Becky mentioned that a few people are working on grant applications to secure grant money for specific projects.

Cathy Frederick, May Plant Auction Committee Chair, said the auction will be on May 16, 2017. Volunteers are to get there at 4:30. We will begin accepting plants at 4:30 and will accept them until 5:45. Shop and Go tables will be open from 6:00 – 7:00. Short business meeting at 7:00 – 2017 scholarship recipient will be announced. Plants should include a detailed label and a picture if possible. Try to bring no more than 4 to 5 plants of each kind. Unusual plants will be priced higher or will be included in the auction. We will be accepting cash, checks, and credit cards this year. If you are unable to be there at 4:30 the day of the sale to drop off your plants, Cathy can be there on Monday from 5:00 – 6:00 with her truck to pick up plants. Flyers announcing the auction will be available at GFAA. Hope to have two or three plant digs before the sale and will need volunteers. A sign-up sheet for the home owners for the plant digs is available. We will have a refreshment table.

Becky discussed the Farmers Markets. The Brownsburg Farmers Market Committee Chair is Jill Clouser. The Brownsburg Farmers Market will be on June 8th, July 13th, and August 10th from 4:30 – 7:00 each day. The Plainfield Farmers Market Committee Chair is Terry Meingasner. The Plainfield Farmers Market will be on June 7th, July 5th, and August 2nd from 4:00 – 7:00 each day. The Danville Farmers Market Committee Chair is Becky Troutman. The Danville Farmers Market will be on June 17th, July 15th, and August 19th from 8:00 – 1:00 each day.

Old Business

Bruce Crum said Becky Troutman, Colletta Kosiba, and Dick Meier helped with the garden designs for the Bethesda School Courtyard and the Bethesda Church Prayer Garden. The Prayer Garden is being done in partnership with the Northwest Community Park (a public park).

Steve Pearl – Avon Outdoor Learning Center (OLC) Native Plant Sale – Steve 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 are available.

Becky told us that committee members should use the HCMG tax exempt number when purchasing merchandise for projects. She reminded us that the reimbursement form is on the HCMG Website under the Members tab. She also reminded us that all room reservations must go through Janet Cunningham and all rooms should be put back the way they were when we got there.

Becky pointed out the “Mark Your Calendars section of the agenda. She also asked us to e-mail her if we know of any gardening related activities.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Following the break, Colletta Kosiba presented the program, Summer Bulbs.

Submitted by,

Terri Tramm
2017 HCMG Secretary