

Hendricks County Master Gardeners
Minutes of the May 16, 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 April meeting minutes to be approved as posted on the HCMG website and included on the handout at tonight's meeting. Jill Clouser motioned to accept the April meeting minutes. Steve Pearl seconded the motion. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Vicki Coleman, Vice President, announced that the sign-up sheet for the Hendricks County Master Gardeners (HCMG) Hendricks County Fair Booth was on the check-out table. We have to pay for parking passes this year. She has scheduled a tour at the Garfield Park Conservatory for June 10, 2017 at 2:30. She needs a count of people who want to go.

Becky Troutman said the picnic will be at Steve and Kim Somermeyer's place on July 25, 2017. Weather permitting, there will be a tour of the vineyards. We will get one hour education time for the tour.

Steve Pearl – Gardening for All Ages (GFAA) – We had 1,513 outside attendees. Most of the surveys were good. There were fifty-two vendors and sixty-two booths. Steve Patterson said we did a good job cleaning up afterwards.

Becky Troutman said we made approximately \$1,300 at the GFAA Gardener's Closet.

Rosie Lenihan, Co-Chair 2018 Purdue Master Gardener State Conference, said they have been meeting with the individual committee chairs. On June 7, 2017 there is a meeting with John Orick to work out some things. They will be able to serve alcohol at the Awards Banquet. The 2018 Purdue Master Gardener State Conference will be on June 7 – 9, 2018. We are to save those dates!

Debbie Kovacs, Demonstration Garden Committee Chair, was not available for an update. Becky Troutman said Dick Meier and his team have been making progress on the raised beds. Terri Tramm provided an update on the plant donations being received for the Native Plant/Pollinator Friendly Garden.

Jill Clouser, Adventures in Gardening Chair, announced that the name of the program this year is "4 Seasons". Flyers are available at the check-out table. Registration will begin on June 1st. Two workshops will also be held. Workshop #1 will be from 8:00 – 9:00 and Workshop #2 will be from 3:00 – 4:00. Registration is \$45 per person and the workshops are \$30 each.

New Business

Colletta Kosiba provided some information on Indiana Master Gardeners. There are 3,075 active Master Gardeners in Indiana. Indiana Master Gardeners have earned 40,653 education hours and 163,483 volunteer hours. The volunteer hours are valued at \$3.7 million.

Becky Troutman said a committee to nominate the next year's Board must be in place by August 15, 2017.

Becky Troutman announced the 2017 HCMG Scholarship winner – Jo Cameron. Ms. Cameron provided us with some information about herself. She is a 2017 graduate of Cascade High School. She plans to attend Purdue University in the fall. She will major in political science and agricultural economics. She wants to be an Agricultural Lobbyist.

Becky Troutman presented a 20-year certificate to Bev Russell. Bev was the Adventures in Gardening Chair for twelve years. She is moving up by Boston, north of Manchester by the Sea, to be closer to family. Becky thanked her for her many years of service to HCMG.

Becky pointed out the “Mark Your Calendars section of the agenda.

The business meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30.

Following the break, the May Plant Auction was held.

Submitted by,

Terri Tramm
2017 HCMG Secretary