

Hendricks County Master Gardener Meeting
September 19, 2017 Minutes

Vicki Coleman, 2017 Hendricks County Master Gardeners (HCMG) Vice President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Approximately 50 members, interns and guests were present. Vicki also thanked the interns for attending tonight's meeting.

Becky Troutman, 2017 HCMG President, called and spoke with everyone via FaceTime. She thanked those who helped throughout the year, but were not at the picnic to get their recognition. She also thanked Vicki for leading the meeting and told everyone she was sorry she couldn't attend at this time.

Officer and Committee Reports

A motion was made by Robin Elizabeth Parsley to accept the minutes from the May 16, 2017 meeting as written and Steve Pearl seconded the motion. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Ron Stoner, 2017 HCMG Treasurer, reported the balance in the treasury as of August 31, 2017 was \$28,003.74.

Ed Freeman, Communications Director, stated you may contact him if you have any information you would like to include on the website.

Jan Myers, 2018 Purdue Master Gardener State Conference Committee Co-Chair, said the State Conference Committee will hold a mock state conference at the November meeting. This will allow everyone to get an idea of what the conference may look like and also be used as training for the conference scheduled for June 7-9, 2018.

Magen Eller reported the Plainfield Correctional Center had more produce than ever. She stated that the men were learning what fruits and vegetables were most acceptable to the community. They were also talking about possibly launching a culinary program with the herbs and vegetables grown.

Steve Somermeyer said the Demonstration Garden committee and volunteers were busy and the plants and pollinator area were doing well. All produce grown went to the food pantry. He reported that they were now working on the entry garden. He mentioned they would be working in the Demo garden on Friday and Saturday at 9:00 a.m. He also asked those who have worked in the Demo garden to stand and be recognized.

Theresa Mathieson, Education Center Committee Co-Chair, stated that the Education Center will be closing in September and will reopen in Spring 2018 when we have a new Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator.

Old Business:

Vicki mentioned that we needed more people to sign up for snacks for the October meeting.

Vicki Coleman thanked everyone who worked at the Hendricks County Fair.

New Business:

Jill, Clouser, Adventures in Gardening Committee Chair, reminded everyone they have until September 30th to sign up for the Adventures in Gardening Seminar on Saturday, October 7, 2017. She will send out an alert and map to all attendees regarding the road construction by the fairgrounds. She encouraged more Hendricks County Master Gardeners to sign up for the seminar. Set up will be on Friday, October 6, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

Judy Kenninger, Christmas Party Committee Chair, is working on this year's Christmas Party and reminded everyone to save the date, Wednesday, December 13, 2017, for the party. More information will follow.

Jill Clouser, Kerry Cates and Roxanne McGlone, Election Committee members, introduced the members running for the 2018 Board and asked for any others interested in running for the 2018 Board to come forward. The slate for the 2018 Board is as follows:

Communication Directors-Ed Freeman

Secretary-Terri Tramm

Treasurer-Ron Stoner

Vice-President- Cathy Dunn

President-Steve Pearl

Elections will take place at the October Meeting.

Good of the Group:

Vicki mentioned the Thank you's for the July picnic.

Steve Pearl announced that the Outdoor Learning Center will have an Invasive Plant Workshop on November 11, 2017 from 12:00 -3:00 and sign up will be next month. This is a good way to get volunteer hours.

Vicki introduced the speaker for the evening. His name was Harold Thompson, Soil Conservationist, who spoke to the group on Cover Crops and Soil Health. Also present was Kevin Allison from Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and Elaine Blaine from Hendricks County SWCD.

Meeting was adjourned.

Since Terri Tramm, 2017 HCMG Secretary, was unable to attend the meeting, minutes were taken by HCMG member Kerry Cates. The minutes, as reviewed and updated by Terri Tramm, are submitted.