

Hendricks County Master Gardeners  
Minutes of the January 16, 2018 Meeting

Call to Order and Welcome - The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Steve Pearl, 2018 HCMG President.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Steve Pearl asked for the November 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 November meeting minutes. Jerry McIntyre seconded the motion. Terri Tramm stated one correction needed to be made. Steve asked for the updated minutes to be accepted. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Cathy Dunn, 2018 HCMG Vice President, provided update on 2018 HCMG meetings and speakers.

Steve said the 2017 budget and the 2018 proposed budget were on the front and back of the handout.

Ed Freeman, 2018 Communications Director, said he got the HCMG and State Conference Websites set up so they are now encrypted and secured. The website address will now begin with "https". He announced that the sign-up sheets for Gardening for All Ages (GFAA) were on the wall.

Rosie Lenihan, Co-Chair 2018 Purdue Master Gardener State Conference, said that Ed has the State Conference Website set up. She said Purdue is working with them to prepare a flyer that will be mailed to all prior State Conference attendees. Registrations and payments for the State Conference will be able to be done online or mailed to the Hendricks County Purdue Extension Office. If payments are done online through Paypal, then Paypal fees will apply. Chuck and Pat Dallas redid their sign-up sheets and broke the volunteer time into certain blocks of time. If we previously signed up to work with them, we will need to sign up again. Rosie and Jan Myers, Co-Chair 2018 Purdue Master Gardener State Conference, will be meeting with all Committee Chairs soon to get status updates.

Steve said that the same people have chaired all of the GFAA Committees for the last five years. He asked for volunteers to co-chair all of the committees. This will allow new people to learn what the existing Committee Chairs do.

Howard Lacey suggested adding a co-chair spot to the GFAA sign-up sheets. Ed asked people to note on the GFAA sign-up sheets if they are interested in being a co-chair.

Steve Somermeyer, Co-Chair Demonstration Garden, said the bee hives will be set in the Apiary in February. He said the raised bed and container garden area is being expanded. We are working on a grant for our storage shed. Steve said that HCMG volunteers will build the storage shed.

Ann Selvy, Refreshments Committee, said she will need five or six volunteers each month to bring in refreshments. If we don't want to bake anything, we can make donations or bring in water and paper products.

Steve went over the sign-up sheets. He referenced the Scholarship Committee sign-up sheet. Becky Troutman is the contact person, but we need a Committee Chair. We need a Committee Chair for the Danville Farmers Market, the Plainfield Farmers Market, the Avon Farmers Market, and possibly the Brownsburg Farmers Market. We will only work the Brownsburg Farmers Market if we receive a grant. We need a Host and Committee Chair for the Summer Picnic. We need a Committee Chair for the Christmas Dinner. Cathy Dunn will be organizing the Host and the Committee Chairs for the Summer Picnic and the Christmas Dinner. Judy Kenninger will assist the Christmas Dinner Committee Chair. Cathy Frederick will be the Committee Chair for the May Plant Auction. Jill Clouser will handle the Display Case decorations.

### Unfinished Business

Becky Troutman, 2017 HCMG President, announced and handed out some of last year's awards certificates.

Steve said our Agricultural and Natural Resources (ANR) Educator position has not yet been filled. It has been posted. He said there are eight or nine other ANR Educator positions open in Indiana.

Steve reminded everyone to sign into the MG Manager System to sign the annual volunteer agreement if not already signed. If it has not been signed, there will be a pink box to check. Also, he reminded everyone to enter their training hours for the programs presented at HCMG meetings. We must enter all of our own hours now.

### New Business

Steve called for a motion to approve the 2018 HCMG Budget. Steve Somermeyer motioned to approve the Budget. Jan Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Vicki Coleman expressed concern about the potential cost of tickets for the volunteers who work in the Hendricks County Fair MG Booth. We were originally told last year we would have to buy tickets for the volunteers who worked in our booth during the HC Fair. At the last minute, Purdue Extension provided us with tickets. Steve said we handle the issue, if needed.

### Audience to Members

Jan Myers, HCMG Membership Directory Chair, said we can look up membership information online now. Do we still need printed directories? Several members spoke up and said yes. It was decided we will have printed directories this year.

### Tips, Tricks, and Techniques

Steve said if anyone has tips, tricks, or techniques they wish to share at future meetings, they may share them.

### Dates to Remember

January 17, 2018, Colletta Kosiba, Gardening in the Shade, Brownburg Library

January 25, 2018, Bi-State Gardening Conference – GMOs and How to Plant Natives, Beef House in Covington

January 27, 2018, Porter County Garden Show

February 15, 2018, Indiana Invasive Species Conference, Hendricks County Fairgrounds from 9:00 – 3:00

February 20, 2018, February HCMG Meeting

April 27, 2018, GFAA Set up and April 28, 2018, GFAA

June 7 – 9, 2018, Purdue Master Gardener State Conference

Steve asked for a motion to adjourn the business meeting. Howard Lacey motioned to adjourn the meeting. Robin-Elizabeth Parsley seconded the motion. The motion passed and the business meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Following the break, Tom Setser presented the program, Nuisance Animal Control

Submitted by,

Terri Tramm

2018 HCMG Secretary