

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

Call to Order and Welcome - The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Steve Pearl, 2018 Hendricks County Master Gardeners (HCMG) President. The meeting was held after the evening's program – Plant Diseases: Be Aware and Prepared presented by Gail Ruhl.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Steve Pearl asked for the September meeting minutes to be approved as posted on the HCMG website, e-mailed earlier this month with the October meeting agenda, and included on the handout at tonight's meeting. Robin-Elizabeth Parsley motioned to accept the September meeting minutes. Teri Mitchum seconded the motion. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Steve Pearl said the Treasurer's Report was on a handout and asked if anyone had any questions. No one did.

Ed Freeman, 2018 Communications Director, said he is continuing to update the HCMG Website pages to the new format.

Becky Troutman, Demonstration Garden Committee Chair, said that twelve members of the Demonstration Garden Committee met on October 12, 2018 for approximately an hour. Becky said the Hendricks County (HC) Extension has three benches available for sponsorship. The benches will be placed in the Demonstration Garden. Ideas for creating some shaded areas in the Demonstration Garden were also discussed. Becky said she had spoken with Kevin Mercer, 4-H Bee Project Leader, and got an update on the honey bees in the apiary (bee yard) at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds (HCFG). Becky announced there will be a Demonstration Garden Work Day on October 18, 2018 from 9:00 am – 11:00 am.

Jan Myers, HCMG Christmas Party Committee Chair, reminded everyone that the HCMG Christmas Party will be on December 11, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the North and South Halls at the HC Conference Center. Food will be catered by the Rusted Silo in Lizton. The speaker will be Bill McKnight, the Mad Mushroom Guy, and his presentation will be Gardening Under the Influence. The tickets will be \$25 and need to be purchased by December 1, 2018. The last few years we have had beer and wine donated.

Deloris Elza, Christmas Tree Decorating Committee Chair, thanked everyone for bringing in dried flowers tonight. She said they will be meeting on November 19, 2018 at 2:00 pm to decorate. Additional dried flowers and pine cones can be brought in that day.

Carol Gillaspy, Sheltering Wings Committee Chair, was unable to attend the meeting tonight. Steve Pearl said there will be a committee meeting on October 31, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the HC Conference Center Board Room. Training for this project will count as volunteer hours.

Steve Somermeyer, 2019 Gardening For All Ages (GFAA) Committee Co-Chair, announced that Suzy Freeman has requested seed donations for next year's GFAA Free Seeds Booth. They have received approximately eighty pounds of seeds so far. Dizzy Izzy will be the food truck for next year's GFAA. The 2019 GFAA will be on April 13, 2019 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. The set up date will be on April 12, 2019. Roxanne McGlone, GFAA Free Trees Booth Committee Chair, said she ordered American Plum, Black Chokeberry, and Ninebark. She was not able to order Flowering Dogwood or Redbud. A discussion was held about spending a little additional money to get certain trees. It was agreed she would do this.

Housekeeping Items

Steve Pearl said the HCMG year for reporting hours runs from November 1st through October 31st. He asked that we get our hours up to date. He also said the annual agreement is available now in the MG Manager System. He reminded everyone to sign the agreement. Everyone needs to sign the agreement to volunteer. It is a liability issue. He said if anyone is moving up a level, they should e-mail Janet Cunningham to let her know.

Housekeeping Items (continued)

Steve Pearl reminded everyone that the working with minors certification must be renewed every two years. Anyone working with children in the GFAA Children's Booth and the Demonstration Garden must take the online course every two years.

Steve Pearl discussed opportunities available for 2019 Committee Chair positions. He said due to other obligations, Theresa Mathieson will be unable to help with the Education Center. Someone is needed to fill the position.

Steve Pearl said the checks for the 2018 HCMG Christmas Party can be brought into the HC Fairgrounds office and given to Janet Cunningham (she will be out of the office from October 22nd – October 29th) or Ashley Alexander (in Janet's absence). Either Janet or Ashley can put the checks in our designated lockbox.

Unfinished Business

Steve Pearl called the 2019 HCMG Board Nominating Committee Co-Chairs to the front of the room. The committee co-chairs are Rhonda Legan, Jackie Rosales, and Ann Selvy. Jackie Rosales asked for the 2019 HCMG Board nominees to stand one at a time. Rhonda Legan asked for nominations from the floor. No nominations were made from the floor. Ann Selvy announced each nominee's name and asked for a vote for each nominee by a show of hands. A request for a motion to accept the 2019 HCMG Board was requested. Colletta Kosiba motioned to accept the 2019 HCMG Board. Roxanne McGlone seconded the motion.

The 2019 HCMG Board is as follows:

- Steve Pearl, President
- Theresa Mathieson, Vice President
- Joyce Karns, Treasurer
- Veronica Mount, Communications Director
- Terri Tramm, Secretary

Steve Pearl handed out award certificates to some people who had not yet received them at earlier meetings.

New Business

Steve Pearl said the HC Extension has three benches available as sponsorships. The cost is \$150 per bench and will include a metal plate with the HCMG's name on it. Since the benches will be placed in the Demonstration Garden, the funds will come from the amount budgeted to the Demonstration Garden.

Audience to Members

Becky Troutman brought in several large plants that will be given as door prizes. They are Ixoras (a tropical plant). She also brought in some plants that are free. Nancy Rice brought in some pink sedums. Colletta Kosiba brought in some ink cartridges.

Steve Pearl handed out door prizes.

Steve Pearl asked for a motion to adjourn the business meeting. Chuck Dallas motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Barnette seconded the motion. The motion passed and the business meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Submitted by,

Terri Tramm
2018 HCMG Secretary