

Hendricks County Master Gardeners  
Minutes of the March 19, 2019 Meeting

Call to Order and Welcome – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Steve Pearl, 2019 Hendricks County Master Gardeners (HCMG) President.

Officer and Committee Reports

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes from the February 19, 2019 meeting. All the membership voted in approval.

Treasurer's Report - A correction in the budget for \$8 which did not appear in projects.

Educator Update – Steve Pearl reported for Jeff Pell, Hendricks County Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) Educator, who was not in attendance. Mindy Duckett, Extension Community Wellness Coordinator, has two grants of \$3,000 to be used to install raised beds at Danville Middle School. Food raised will be either taken home by students or donated to a local food pantry. One of the grants requires Master Gardener assistance/instructions to the students. A volunteer is needed to lead this project. There will be a meeting in early April to provide additional information. John Dottenwhy volunteered to be the point person on this project.

Communications Director – Suzy Freeman reported that Ed Freeman is updating the webpage to emphasize Gardening for All Ages (GFAA). Veronica Mount, 2019 Communications Director, expressed her appreciation to the membership for their input for the monthly newsletter. She also announced the correction to her e-mail address in the membership directory. It should be [vemount@gmail.com](mailto:vemount@gmail.com)

Demonstration Garden - Becky Troutman, Demonstration Garden Committee Chair, reported that the first meeting of the season was two weeks ago and the committee agreed on how to spend their funds. Arrow signs are ready and will be used to direct people to the garden. Pavers have been purchased to place along the sidewalk to prevent mulch from washing out. Demonstration Garden meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month from 6:00 -7:00 pm. All are welcome. The gardens will be open during GFAA at 11:00 am and 1:00 pm for about 45 minutes each time with a committee member present to show the gardens and answer questions. Steve Pearl and Dick Meier went to Sunnyside Master Gardeners to check out their Youth program. Much was learned and more information will be forthcoming.

Sheltering Wings Project - Carol Gillaspay, Sheltering Wings Project Committee Chair, has completed her training. Sheltering Wings is excited to get this project going. If interested, HCMG members can still get on-board. One volunteer session at Sheltering Wings can be done without training. Next meeting is not scheduled yet. Rita Kerner requested that Carol send e-mails about upcoming meetings and trainings.

May Plant Sale and Auction - Barb Pantos reported on donation specifics. Plants should be healthy and identified. Cardboard cartons or trays can be brought to the April meeting.

Education Center - Sara Fenton reported that the Education Center will be located in Classroom D. Because this room is also used for other activities, our computers cannot be left out. Jeff Pell, ANR Educator, has purchased a locking, rolling cart and Steve Pearl has purchased cable locks for the computers. The Education Center goes "live" on Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup>. Training will be held on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm. Each volunteer is asked to work 3 shifts every 2 months in the center.

Speakers Bureau - Colletta Kosiba, Speakers Bureau Committee Chair, reported that three of the speakers in the Bureau have already scheduled presentations.

AIG - See information under New Business.

Directory – A Big “Thank You” to Jan Myers for compiling the 2019 Master Gardeners Directory and distributing it this evening.

GFAA - Kim and Steve Somermeyer provided a handout of GFAA updates for the membership. Thanks to Pat and Chuck Dallas, all the Vendor spots have been filled. Flyers will be available in the Extension office on Wednesday March 20<sup>th</sup> to take and distribute. “Ask Me” buttons are also available for MGs to wear at the event to help attendees. These buttons will also be available for other MG events. Judy Kenninger requested that she receive the GFAA program materials by April 6<sup>th</sup>, as she will be out of town the week before the event. Robin-Elizabeth Parsley reported that books left over from State Conference will be for sale at GFAA. Credit card use will be difficult so she encouraged everyone to bring checks or cash. Vicki Coleman reported that seed sorting parties will be held on April 1<sup>st</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Kerry Cates reported that the Children’s Booth still needs unwanted jewelry.

#### Housekeeping Items

Steve Pearl reports:

- Vests are available for \$17 in the back of room
- A winter Awards Dinner chairperson is still needed
- The Board recommends that all HCMG members take the “Working with Minors” certification.
- Thank you to everyone who brought in snacks!

#### Unfinished Business

None

#### New Business

Adventures in Gardening (AIG) Budget Revision – Rosie Lenihan, AIG Committee Co-chair, reported that the theme for AIG 2019 is “Climate for All Ages”. AIG will be held on September 28<sup>th</sup>. She would like to charge attendees for food only and HCMG would pick up the speaker fees. This changes the budgeted income for AIG to be \$2,000 less. Bruce Crum motioned to reduce the budgeted projected income for AIG by \$2,000. The motion was seconded by Marjie Bontrager and passed with a vote by the membership.

Steve Pearl asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Megan Eller motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bruce Crum seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm and was quickly followed by a Celtic musical performance by Emily Ann and Kelly Thompson with an Irish Garden presentation by Karen Smith and a Scottish Garden presentation by Theresa Mathieson.

As Terri Tramm, 2019 HCMG Secretary was unable to attend this meeting, Theresa Mathieson, 2019 Vice-President took minutes at the meeting and prepared the minutes. Terri Tramm later reviewed, updated, and submitted the minutes. Many thanks to Theresa!

Submitted by,

Terri Tramm  
2019 HCMG Secretary