

Hendricks County Master Gardeners
Minutes of the October 15, 2019 Meeting

Call to Order and Welcome - The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Steve Pearl, 2019 Hendricks County Master Gardeners (HCMG) President. The meeting was held after the evening's program – Spiders presented by John Thieme.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Steve Pearl asked for the September 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 September meeting minutes. Sara Fenton seconded the motion. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Steve Pearl, 2019 HCMG Interim Treasurer, asked if there were any questions on the Treasurer's Report. There were none.

Steve Pearl provided the HCMG Board Report. He said the Board approved, by e-mail, Bruce Crum as the Backup Treasurer. He said we are going to use \$200 budgeted for speakers to pay for the Christmas and Awards Dinner entertainment. He said we are going to have memorial plaques put in the Demonstration Garden pergola and a memorial section in the next Hendricks County Master Gardeners (HCMG) Directory for Carol Doppler, Joyce Karns, and Rhonda Legan. He said the unauthorized charges issue on our PayPal account has been resolved and a refund received. The PayPal account password was changed. He said Jeff Pell, Hendricks County Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator (HC ANR Educator), is going to let us use one of the locking cabinets in his office for HCMG storage.

Jeff Pell, HC ANR Educator, mentioned the Growing Through Leadership Program for current Master Gardeners. The registration fee for the course is \$60. The course consists of five weekly, three-hour sessions. Flyers were handed out earlier. Jeff also said the registration for the next Basic Intern Class will begin the first week of November. If enough people register, the class will begin on January 8, 2020 and will be on Wednesdays from 6:00 pm through 9:00 pm.

Steve Pearl said Veronica Mount, 2019 Communications Director, was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Steve reminded everyone that if there is anything we want to include in the monthly newsletter, it can be sent to Veronica at Vemount@gmail.com. Ed Freeman, HCMG Webmaster, had nothing to announce.

Becky Troutman, Demonstration Garden Committee Chair, was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Carol Gillaspay provided an update on the Demonstration Garden. Carol thanked D Dottenwhy for her help cleaning out the containers. The last Demonstration Garden meeting will be on November 5, 2019. Volunteers will be needed next Spring to start seeds for the raised beds/container gardens. Volunteer hours may be earned.

Carol Gillaspay, Sheltering Wings Project Committee Chair, said the gardens produced wonderfully. The produce was given to church families in need. Approximately 1,500 tomatoes were grown. Some were used to make tomato sauce and some were frozen. Lots of green beans and squash were grown. They had a squash bug infestation that hurt the squash production. The representative at Sheltering Wings said they did not like the chard or kale. They are looking forward to learning about small container gardening next year.

Susan Gackenheimer, Sycamore Services Project Committee Co-Chair, said they are planning a Sensory Garden. They are getting close to digging daffodil bulbs at Colletta Kosiba's house. The bulbs will be dug up on Friday, Monday or Tuesday. Volunteer hours may be earned. They are also planning to purchase and plant other bulbs (i.e. crocus and hyacinths).

Vicki Coleman, Education Center Committee Co-chair, said the Education Center is closed for the winter.

Rosie Lenihan, Adventures in Gardening (AIG)/Climate for All Ages (CFAA) Committee Co-Chair, thanked everyone that helped. The event was attended by one hundred and ten people. Five speakers gave presentations. Many positive comments have been received. Sara Fenton arranged the Silent Auction which raised approximately \$1,200.

Kim Somermeyer, Gardening for All Ages (GFAA) Committee Co-Chair, said that Suzy Freeman and Sharon Miller have agreed to handle the sale of GFAA t-shirts.

Officer and Committee Reports (continued):

Martha Rardin, 2019 Christmas and Awards Dinner Project Committee Co-Chair, said it will be on December 10th. Appetizers will be served at 6:00 and dinner will be served at 6:30. Rusted Silo will be the caterer again. The Danville Children's Ballet will give a performance at 7:00. Reservations must be made by December 4th. The cost to attend is \$30 per person. The committee had a meeting before tonight's business meeting and will have another meeting on November 19th before the next business meeting. Four volunteers are needed to help clean up after the dinner.

Deloris Elza, 2019 Christmas Tree Decorating Committee Chair, said they will be meeting on November 25th at 9:00 am to decorate the Christmas tree.

Housekeeping Items

Steve Pearl said an Adventures in Gardening Committee Chair is needed as soon as possible. It is important for this Chair to be in place soon as many things must be done before the next AIG event on October 10, 2020.

Steve Pearl reminded everyone to enter their volunteer and education hours and to sign their annual agreement in MG Manager. If you are going to move up a level, the deadline to enter hours in order to receive your new badge at the Christmas and Awards Dinner is October 31st. If you think you will be moving up a level, send Janet Cunningham an e-mail.

Steve Pearl reminded everyone to submit the reimbursement form and receipts as soon as possible so this year's books may be closed out.

Steve Pearl said that 2020 HCMG dues will be \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Dues will be accepted at the next meeting.

Unfinished Business

The 2020 HCMG Board Nominating Committee Co-Chairs Steve Somermeyer and Rosie Lenihan presented the nominees for the 2020 HCMG Board. The nominees are as follows:

- Steve Pearl, President
- Sara Fenton, Vice President
- Teri Mitchum, Treasurer
- Judy Kenninger, Communications Director
- Cathy Frederick, Secretary

Robin-Elizabeth Parsley motioned that the HCMG members "vote the slate". The 2020 HCMG Board nominees were approved by a voice vote.

New Business

Steve Pearl said the Board approved, by e-mail, that Bruce Crum be the 2020 Backup Treasurer. The President, Treasurer, and Backup Treasurer will be on the HCMG bank account signature card. He asked for a motion. Sara Fenton motioned to accept Bruce Crum as the 2020 Backup Treasurer. Suzy Freeman seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Steve Pearl tabled the budget discussion.

Sara Fenton volunteered to host the 2020 HCMG Picnic.

Steve Pearl handed out door prizes.

Steve Pearl asked for a motion to adjourn the business meeting. Chuck Dallas motioned to adjourn the meeting. Sara Fenton seconded the motion. The motion passed and the business meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by,

Terri Tramm
2019 HCMG Secretary