

Hendricks County Master Gardeners
Minutes of the November 17, 2020 Meeting

Call to Order and Welcome - The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Steve Pearl, 2020 Hendricks County Master Gardeners (HCMG) President.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Steve Pearl asked for the October 20, 2020 meeting minutes to be approved as posted on the HCMG website and included in the handout at tonight's meeting. One Correction was noted by Colletta Kosiba - Dick Meier provided a Demo Garden tour and also provided a presentation to the intern class. Debbie Off motioned to accept the October meeting minutes. Sara Fenton seconded the motion. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Steve Pearl asked if there were any questions on the Treasurer's Report. No correction or questions.

Educator Report, Jeff Pell – The 2020 Intern Class will end the first week of December. Jeff thanked the volunteers who have presented to the class and invited a speaker to join the last class. Jeff would like that speaker to invite the interns to attend the January 19, 2021 meeting and encourage them to get involved. Jeff also mentioned that Rosie Lerner from Purdue will offer a short virtual class in gardening (6 weeks) that will begin the end of January 2021. Jeff will send more information later regarding this educational opportunity.

Board Report, Steve Pearl – Dues for 2021 will remain the same as 2020. The fairground is short about \$100,000 for 2020 and was looking for grant money. The HCMG group will make a \$2000 donation to lock in dates for 2021 and 2022 and grant money will match that donation.

Communications Director, Judy Kenninger - December 1 is the deadline for the next newsletter.

Becky Troutman, Demonstration Garden Committee Chair: There was a virtual meeting November 3rd. The Plainfield Correctional Facility is interested in growing seedlings for the 2021 Demonstration garden. Dick Meier will provide the seeds. There is \$5300 in the budget for 2021 but the pergola is on hold at this time. The group decided to concentrate on education and community involvement for 2021.

AIG – Susan Gackenheimer and Carol Gillaspay will be the committee chairs again for 2021. Susan will send a survey to all attendees and ask for suggestions for next year.

GFAA 2021 – A meeting occurred last week. There are many unknowns at this time. Ideas are being discussed such as the need for a food vendor – offer box lunches for vendors / volunteers instead? Children booth replaced by activity bags or outdoor activities?

Historian and Speakers Bureau – Jeff will contact Colletta and ask for a speaker for the last intern class meeting.

Housekeeping Items –

- a. Annual Agreement - Steve asked everyone to complete
- b. 2021 Dues - \$15 per individual and \$25 per couple, same as 2020. Due by January 19, 2021 business meeting. Ed Freeman will set up Pay Pal on the website. Dues and Annual Agreement must be current to be included in the 2021 directory.
- c. 2021 Chairpersons –
Teri Mitchum has volunteered to be the Webmaster Backup
Jackie Rosales and Debra Benjamin will train with Judy for the Facebook and Twitter duties.
Kathe Rae volunteered to be the Photography chairperson and Jackie Rosales will assist.
- d. 2021 Calendar – sent to all members.
- e. Volunteer and Education Hours – Steve reminded everyone to continue entering hours.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business – None

Audience to Members – Kerry Cates reminded everyone that online education opportunities are available on the Purdue website.

Steve Pearl asked for a motion to adjourn the business meeting. Sara Fenton motioned to adjourn the meeting. Debbie Off seconded the motion. The motion passed and the business meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Educational Program - Gardening and Our Ecological Footprint, Constance Ferry, Hobbit Gardens.

Submitted by,

Cathy Frederick
2020 HCMG Secretary