

**Hendricks County Master Gardeners**  
Minutes of the January 19, 2021 (Zoom) Meeting

Call to Order and Welcome - The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Steve Pearl, 2021 Hendricks County Master Gardeners (HCMG) President.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Steve Pearl asked for the November 17, 2020 meeting minutes to be approved as posted on the HCMG website. No additions or corrections were noted and Chuck Dallas motioned to accept the November meeting minutes. Sara Fenton seconded the motion. The motion carried by a show of hands.

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

Educator Report, Jeff Pell – Jeff thanked all the Master Gardeners who assisted with the 2020 intern class and announced there would not be a class for 2021 in Hendricks County. If anyone is interested in joining the Purdue March online only class, the deadline is February 12<sup>th</sup>. Participants can join Hendricks County Master Gardeners after completing the online classes.

Board Report, Steve Pearl – Steve stated that the board has approved the 2021 draft budget that would be voted on later in the evening.

Communications Director, Ed Freeman - Ed stated the website can be utilized to pay dues and the deadline for the next newsletter is February 1, 2021.

Demonstration Garden Chair, Becky Troutman - Becky stated there had been a meeting on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Some of the expansion projects have been put on the back burner and the focus for 2021 will be on education, community involvement and produce for food pantries. The group discussed ideas for virtual presentations and the possibility of partnering with Hendricks County Regional Health on healthy eating. Becky asked the Master Gardener group to send ideas to her.

GFAA 2021, Steve Somermeyer – Steve stated there had been a meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup>. There were discussions regarding wider aisles, fewer vendors and perhaps limiting head count. Pat and Chuck Dallas are communicating with the vendors and a decision was made to not have a children's booth. Due to the intense interaction with the children, Kerry and her staff were not comfortable having a booth for 2021. In addition, there will not be food service this year but we may offer box lunches. The Gardeners Closet will be larger this year due to two years accumulation of donations. The seed booth will also not be available. Seed and trees will be preselected. There is a possibility that some activities will be moved outside, weather permitting and last year's speakers will be contacted to see if they want to offer their presentations for 2021.

Historian and Speakers Bureau, Colletta Kosiba – no updates

Housekeeping Items –

- a. Annual Agreement - Steve reminded everyone to complete.
- b. 2021 Dues – please pay by mail or use the website. Dues need to be paid by January 31<sup>st</sup> to be included in the 2021 directory
- c. Directories – Let Debbie Off know of any phone/address/e-mail changes. The final directory will be e-mailed to everyone and can be printed at home. If someone does not have printing capability, please contact Debbie Off.
- d. 2021 Chairpersons – Kathe Rae (Photography Chairperson) will continue to take pictures during the year and would like to offer a video compilation at the end of the year.
- e. Volunteer and Education Hours – Steve asked everyone to continue to record hours.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business –

- a. 2021 Budget – Steve summarized a few changes and asked for a motion to accept the 2021 budget. Chuck Dallas made a motion to accept the budget, Sara Fenton seconded and the motion was approved by a hand count vote.
- b. 2020 Awards & Intern Introduction – Jeff Pell presented power point slides with the 2020 Spring and Fall Intern class names. Several Master Gardeners were recognized for advancing to the next level. Badges can be obtained from Janet or can be mailed, if preferred.

Kathe Rae and Susan Gackenheimer - Advanced Master Gardeners

Teri Mitchum and Sara Fenton – Bronze Level Master Gardeners

Kim Somermeyer – Silver Level Master Gardener

Dick Meier – Gold Level 1000 Master Gardener

Steve Pearl – Gold Level 4000 Master Gardener

- c. Fairgrounds Consultant Opportunity – Jeff Pell described two positions for the Fairground. The first position is for volunteer hours to assist with landscape planning utilizing more native plants. The second position would be a paid part-time position for landscape maintenance. Contact Jeff Pell or Steve Patterson, if interested.

Audience to Members - Suzy Freeman volunteered to chair the Winter Dinner. Several Members mentioned free seminars online. Jeff Pell mentioned the Indiana Horticulture and Small Farm conferences that will also be virtual this year. Jeff will send details in an e-mail and Jackie Rosales will post the webinar information on HCMG Facebook page.

Steve Pearl asked for a motion to adjourn the business meeting. Teri Sundine motioned to adjourn the meeting. Teri Mitchum seconded the motion. The motion passed and the business meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Educational Program – Winter Interest, Colletta Kosiba

Submitted by,

Cathy Frederick  
2021 HCMG Secretary  
January 24, 2021