

Hendricks County Master Gardeners
Minutes of the March 16, 2021 (Zoom) Meeting

Call to Order and Welcome - The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Steve Pearl, 2021 Hendricks County Master Gardeners (HCMG) President.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Steve Pearl asked for the February 16, 2021 meeting minutes to be approved as posted on the HCMG website. No additions or corrections were noted. Susan Gackenhaimer motioned to accept the February meeting minutes. Chuck Dallas seconded the motion. The motion carried by a show of hands.

Steve Pearl asked if there were any questions on the Treasurer's Report. Becky Troutman inquired about a minor error of \$0.77 for the Demonstration Garden budget. Steve and Teri stated that would be corrected.

Educator Report, Jeff Pell – Jeff posted several education opportunities on the chat room and reminded everyone that the volunteer hour requirement has been reduced to 6 hours for 2021. Jeff also provided a Civil Rights Training and message during his Educator Report. There is also a volunteer opportunity to work with the IU Herbarium. Indiana University is seeking citizen-scientists from throughout Indiana to help photograph all plant species that comprise the state's flora. To introduce the project and provide more information, Hendricks County Master Gardeners can join the webinar on March 25, 3-4 pm (ET) via Zoom.

Communications Director, Ed Freeman – Deadline for the newsletter is the end of the month. Ed encouraged all chairpersons to send him a few lines to update members on committee activities.

Demonstration Garden Chair, Becky Troutman – Dick Meier will contact member who adopted plots for updates. Steve and Kim Somermeyer purchased asparagus plants for the Demo garden – to be determined where those will be placed. Becky welcomes any assistance with general cleanup and is looking forward to start more work when the weather warms up.

GFAA 2021, Steve Somermeyer – Only 39 days away. Literature and bags are being gathered for handouts. Steve was told that the capacity has increased to 500 instead of 300 and the health plan will need to be submitted. Postcards are ready in the extension office and signups should be ready by next week. Seed sorting will occur mid-April – seed bags will be given away instead of offering display tables at GFAA. Vendors are still signing up and there is a maximum of 45 vendors. Becky stated there will be a large assortment of items for the Gardeners Closet this year. All volunteers are welcome - even if signup slots have been filled.

Help Center, Vicki Coleman – Vicki will send an email with meeting information.

Sheltering Wings, Carol Gillaspay – Carol was unable to attend – no updates.

Outdoor Learning Center – Steve Pearl stated Carol Ford is redoing some of the trails and is looking for red cedar trees.

Historian and Speakers Bureau, Colletta Kosiba – no updates.

YMCA Project – Dick Meier stated two raised beds are available for HCMG and he plans to teach one morning a week.

Sycamore Center, Susan Gackenhaimer – Susan is still working on a meeting with the center. Phase II walkways have been installed. There may be a grant for plant purchases.

Housekeeping Items –

- a. 2021 Directory Update – Steve stated the new directories will be available in a few days and will be sent electronically to all members.
- b. 2021 Chairpersons – Chairperson are listed in the agenda and can be contacted if interested in volunteering.
- c. Volunteer and Education Hours, Revised 2021 Volunteer Hours Requirement – Due to Covid restrictions, the educational and volunteer hours have been reduced to 6 hours.

d. Working with Minors Certification – Steve asked all members to complete. The link was provided on the agenda.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None

Audience to Members - (Questions, Comments, Announcements) - Colletta mentioned that she will be providing two Zoom meetings in April and May. Steve also noted that the April meeting will likely be a hybrid meeting with limited attendees and a zoom presentation. The summer picnic date has also changed to July 13th instead of July 20th.

Steve Pearl asked for a motion to adjourn the business meeting. Sara Fenton motioned to adjourn the meeting. Chuck Dallas seconded the motion. The motion passed and the business meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Educational Program – Native Planting for Beneficial Insects and Pollinators, Kevin Allison

Submitted by: Cathy Frederick, 2021 HCMG Secretary, March 19, 2021