

**Hendricks County Master Gardens**  
Minutes of the November 16, 2021 Meeting

**Call to Order and Welcome**--The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Steve Pearl, HCMG President.

**Officer and Committee Reports**--Steve Pearl asked for the October 19, 2021 meeting minutes to be approved as posted on the HCMG website. Steve Somermeyer corrected that there was a first vendor inquiry but not payment.

Colletta Kosiba motioned to accept the October minutes with the correction and Rosie Lenihan 2nd the motion. The motion carried by a voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report**--Teri Mitchum--Steve asked if there were any questions on the Treasurer's report. No questions or corrections.

**Winter Dinner and Awards**--Debbie Off and Susie Freeman--Scheduled for December 7th from 6:00-8:30 at the fairgrounds. Rusted Silo is the caterer. Payment by November 19th. Susie Freeman asked for anyone crafty to help with putting the center pieces together on November 29th at 9:30. Thank you for the volunteers that signed up to help.

**GFAA 2022**--Kim Somermeyer gave the report. 158 days away!! April 22, 2022 setup and April 23, 2022 big event. Kerry Cates and committee focusing on kids with Insects as a topic! Remember to make sure you have done the Working With Minors Certification needed for the children's booth. <http://tinyurl.com/PUminorcert>

Vicki Coleman said we will prebag seeds again this year for expediency. Volunteer opportunities will be available. There is room for 54 vendor sites. Steve Pearl has made a preliminary set up of the space. We will be back in the Hendricks Power Expo Hall with entrance in the main door of the Fairgrounds. Ed is updating the website for vendors. Save all your donations for Becky's Closet!

Trees available will be--- 100 **River Birch**--100 **Tulip**--100 **Bald Cypress**--100 **American Plum**  
100 **Hazelnut**---100 **Norway Spruce**

Plans are for 3 speakers in the morning and 3 in the afternoon. Next committee meeting will be January 10, 2022 6:00pm

**Pollinator Garden**--Terri Tramm talked about the Garden inception 2016 when plans were started with Jackie Rosales. 2017 plants were solicited, 2018 water problems identified and 2019 a rain garden was put in to help with water problems. 2022 Terri hopes to thin and donate plants and create education and seed gathering possibilities. The area will be subdivided into more manageable plots to keep weeded.

**Historian/Speakers Bureau/Scholarship**--Colletta Kosiba will step down from this position. Nothing to report.

**Housekeeping Items--Steve**

Purdue Annual Volunteer Agreement-Please complete on the website.

Opportunities for 2022: There are still opportunities for chairpersons in 2022. Check your Spam or Junk mail folders. For some reason every now and then, emails from Janet go to Spam.

Working With Minors Certification, <http://tinyurl.com/PUminorcert>. Requirement is every 2 years but it is very easy to just complete it yearly. Remember to list HENDRICKS as your county.

2022 Membership Dues (\$15/ind, \$25/couple) due by January 18th to be included in the directory.

**Unfinished Business--There was none.**

**New Business--**Looking at the scholarship awarded yearly to high school seniors, the HCMG board discussed raising the amount to \$1,000/year renewable for four years with the requirements being a copy of their grades and enrolled in an agriculture program. The thought being that a renewable scholarship would draw more applicants. Currently it is \$1,500/same requirements, one time. We would need to continue to raise funds; one idea was to contact local agriculture business corporations for donations. Sue Squiller made a motion to adopt the changes, Teri Mitchum seconded the motion. Passed with a show of hands.

Debbie Off, 2022 Vice President asked for any ideas you would like to see presented at the regular meetings.

**Audience to Members for Questions, Comments, Announcements--**Colletta read her article she has written for The Republican newspaper about the value of Master Gardeners.

Bruce Crum announced he and his wife, JoAnn are in the play, A Christmas Carol from December 9th-December 19th at the Longstreet Theater. You don't want to miss this.. Bruce is Ebenezer Scrooge!!

Susie Freeman brought free plants to share.

Kathe Rae has packets of Purple Hyacinth Bean Vine; her favorite annual!

Delores Elza wanted to let everyone know that the Hendricks County Homemakers are hosting a Holiday Fest December 3rd, from 9-3 at the fairgrounds.

Steve Pearl said it was officially his last meeting to hold and wanted to keep the tradition of the cow bell! He has put Sara's smiling picture on it and passed the bell!!

Steve Pearl asked for a motion to adjourn the business meeting. Sara Fenton motioned to adjourn the meeting and Bruce Crum seconded the motion. The motion passed and the business meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

**Education Program**--Houseplant Information, by Mary Johnson and Casey DeWeese from McCammons Irish Market.

Submitted by Sharon Miller, acting secretary for Cathy Frederick November 18th, 2021.