

HENDRICKS COUNTY EXTENSION MASTER GARDENERS

Minutes of the March 15, 2022 Business Meeting

Call to Order & Welcome~~The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Sara Fenton, President, HCMG

Secretary's Report~~Minutes of the February 15, 2022 reviewed by attendees. The date for the Summer Picnic was in question. It was decided to have it on July 26th. The Plant Sale will be in the Cartlidge Barn, not the Expo Hall as was stated in the minutes. Motion to accept by Steve Pearl and 2nd by Debbie Off. Motion was accepted by a show of hands.

Treasurer's Report~~Teri Mitchum presented the February report.

Assistant Treasurer~~ Bruce Crum explained we have 100 active members with 68 paid members and the rest interns from the 2021 Spring and Fall classes. Bruce asked if any CPA's would be willing to help with an audit after the current tax season is over.

Communications Coordinator, Newsletter~~Carl Osborn has the Newsletter on the website and will put a Special Edition on Gardening For ALL Ages to help promote the event.

Educator Update~~Jeff Pell explained about the ability to get volunteer hours while helping with Weed Wranglings in the area. If you organize one or are one of the people helping to identify specific weeds to eradicate, you can use it for volunteer hours.

GFAA 2022~~Kim & Steve Somermeyer-39 days! Friday April 22nd is set up and there will be much to do! A great day to get volunteer hours! Earlier in the month there will be opportunities to help seed sort and bag seeds. Volunteer hours will soon show up on the MG Manager.

Outdoor Learning Center~~ Karen Smith- Native Plant Sale will be April 29-30th at the Outdoor Learning Center in Avon. Signups will soon show up on the Master Gardener Manager.

Demonstration Garden~~Teri Tramm-Becky Troutman talked about **Adopt A Plot** to give small sections to those that will consistently weed and take care of the space. Meetings are the first Tuesdays of the month at 6:00 PM in the building. Look for the meeting room sign as it may not be in the regular room.

Plant Sale & Auction Committee~~ The plant sale will be held in the Cartlidge Barn. Barb Pantos is in need of a few more volunteers to help with Donations and Auction as well as Setup to help organize and cover the tables. Please contact Barb. There will be digs if anyone has any plants to thin out. There will be refreshments this year. The public is invited.

Scholarship Committee~~Jan Meyers, Rosie Lenihan- So far no one has applied for the 2022 scholarship.

Plainfield Correctional Facility Project~~Eloisa Garza and committee have met 3 times and have more supplies to work with. March 25th is a training off site for volunteers. Contact Eloisa to get details.

Sheltering Wings Project~~Carol Gillaspay said they are still planning on doing some container gardening.

Speaker's Bureau Coordinator~~Clarissa Petery explained that Colletta is unable to do her presentation at the Putnam County Garden Show March 19, 2022 so Becky Troutman will present for her. Plainfield Library will have a Gardening Day April 2nd from 11am-2pm. with presentations by our Master Gardeners, Nancy Rice, Dick Meier and Becky Troutman.

Adventures In Gardening 2022~~Susan Gackenheimer & Carol Gilaspay October 8th with setup October 7th. July will start open registration online and mail in. Cost will be \$25.00 which includes a box lunch.

Housekeeping Items~~Sara

Volunteer & Education hours–<http://purdue.edu/mg:volunteer/login.php>

Working With Minors Certification–<http://tinyurl.com/PUminorcert>

Unfinished Business- We have contacted John Chapin to help us decide on a tree or shrub to be planted in memory of Jon Cain with a commemorative plaque.

Audience to Members, (Questions, Comments, Announcements) Congratulations to two of our Master Gardener members! Karen Smith was awarded the Donald H. Lawson Conservation Education Award for her contributions to conservation education in Hendricks County. Martha Rardin received the Distinguished Service Award for her many years of work as Hendricks Regional Health's Director of Nutrition and Dietetics and her work with the Hendricks County Health Foundation and WIC Program.

Sara Fenton asked for a motion to adjourn the business meeting. Debbie Off motioned to adjourn and Teri Mitchum 2nd. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM

Submitted by Sharon Miller, HCMG Secretary

Program: Bill Daniels–Native Seed Collecting and Germination Boxes

Dates to Remember

April 19th–regular meeting

April 23rd–GFAA with setup April 22nd

April 29th-30th Outdoor Learning Center, Avon Native Plant Sale

May 17th Master Gardener Plant Sale/Auction Cartlidge Barn, Fairgrounds

July 26th-Summer Picnic

September 20th–regular meeting

October 8, 2022 Adventures In Gardening/Setup Oct 7th

October 18th–regular meeting

November 15th–regular meeting

December 13th Winter Dinner & Awards