

HENDRICKS COUNTY EXTENSION MASTER GARDENERS

Minutes of the April 19, 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 March 15, 2022 general business meeting were reviewed by attendees. Motion to accept the minutes by Debbie Off and 2nd by Steve Pearl. Motion was accepted by a show of hands.

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

Assistant Treasurer, Membership~Bruce Crum asked once again if anyone would be willing to help out with an audit. Contact Bruce if able to help.

Communications Coordinator, Newsletter~Carl Osborn wants any news sent to him to put in the newsletter.
Carl wants us to be consistent and use the current logo.

Project Coordinator~Karen Smith said that Jan Meyers will Co Chair the Summer Picnic that is being held at Sharon Miller's house on July 26, 2022.

Educator Update~Jeff Pell talked about the current class having one more session and their final test before becoming interns. Some will be helping at GFAA.
Jeff talked about Civil Rights as it applies to the Hendricks County Master Gardener Organization. We do not discriminate and everyone has equal access. Jeff passed out a map for attendees to help identify groups or a population that may be interested in our organization. St. Stephens Lutheran Church in Plainfield wants Master Gardeners to help to create community gardens. They will have 20X20 plots. Contact Jerry Land 317-403-1252 or IU76JRL@gmail.com or any information about helping or getting a plot.

Refreshment Committee~ Dee Dottenwhy wanted to remind those attending the Plant Sale May 17th that we will need more snacks due to the general public being invited. The sale will be in the Carlidge Barn once again.

GFAA 2022~Kim and Steve Somermeyer- Friday April 22, 2022 setup will start at 10:00 AM. There is much to do before vendors come in at 2:00 PM.
Day of the event, Saturday April 23rd we will have someone there at 6:30 AM for last minute set up and vendors still coming in.
Group picture is taken around 8:30-8:45 in the Expo Hall before the public is invited in at 9:00 AM.

Education Center/Answer Line~Vicki Coleman, Sue Squiller, Suzanne Heller-There is going to be a big effort to get the word out about the public getting answers to their gardening problems

and questions. They will start again in the office with a call number and transition to an email based way to efficiently get information to the public. They will start getting the word out about the transition to email at GFAA. There will be a hand out with the information and site.

Demonstration/Pollinator Garden~Teri Tramm-Beck Troutman said there are a few remaining plots to be adopted to maintain. They are planning a work day when the weather is more comfortable. There will be a drip irrigation training at a later day for anyone interested. Meetings for the demo garden are the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM. May 3, 2022 is the next one.

Plant Sale/Auction~Barb Pantos made her bags available to label plants and include information about the needs of the plants donated and for sale. Plant digs are scheduled May 2nd at 3:00 PM at Karen Smith's home. Sue Squiller will also have a dig on May 4th at 1:00 PM.

Scholarship Committee~Jan Meyers reported there are 6 applicants for the scholarship! The person selected will be invited to the Plant Sale to be acknowledged.

Sheltering Wings Project~Carol Gillaspay- Container gardening will start up soon.

Sycamore Services Project~Susan Gackenheimer talked about the possibility of using container gardens to have them either taken home or maintained at Sycamore.

Farmer's Markets~Chuck and Pat Dallas will start up in Plainfield the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays in June.

Speakers Bureau Coordinator~Clarissa Petery talked about the Dottenwhys helping 4H group, Washington Winners create a pizza garden in our demo garden! We have a round raised bed at the fairgrounds we will donate for their pizza garden and they will plant onions, green peppers, tomatoes, and oregano! They will maintain the garden.

Summer Picnic~Chair is Jan Meyers/Host, Sharon Miller- The Summer Picnic is July 26, 2022.

Adventures in Gardening 2022~Susan Gackenheimer & Carol Gillaspay-There are a couple of nice posters advertising **Adventures in Gardening** made by Kathe Rae. If you are going to an event where these might help get the word out, they are available. The date for AIG is October 8, 2022.

Historian_____

Nominating Committee~Vicki Coleman, _____ & _____

Membership Directory~Carl Osborn-The directory will include the current interns, colored photographs and book form!

Housekeeping Items~ Sara

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

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

MUST BE DONE BY EVERYONE FOR GFAA!

Unfinished Business

Fertilizer from Hilltop Orchids was sold at the general meeting.

A Hydrangea in memory of Jon Cain was planted before the meeting and a plaque will be ordered in Jon's memory.

New Business

Audience to Members (Questions, Comments, Announcements) Duke Energy is very good about rewarding employees and retirees for volunteering with charitable organizations. Steve Pearl currently has a \$500 grant approved for volunteer hours year-to-date, and can apply for another \$500 as soon as enough volunteer hours are accumulated.

Sara Fenton asked for a motion to adjourn the business meeting. Barb Pantos motioned to adjourn and Sue Squiller 2nd. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Submitted by Sharon Miller, HCMG Secretary, April 21, 2022

Program: Gaye Hammond of Houston, Texas by Zoom
Color and WOW Factor, From Drab to Dynamic!

Dates to Remember:

April 22—GFAA SETUP 10- finish

April 23—GFAA! 8am-4:00pm and cleanup

April 29 &30—Outdoor Learning Center Native Plant Sale

May 17—HCMG Plant Sale/Auction—Cartlidge Barn-Public Invited

July 26—Summer Picnic