

HENDRICKS COUNTY EXTENSION MASTER GARDENERS

Minutes of the Septembers 20, 2022 Business Meeting

Call to Order & Welcome – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Sara Fenton.

Rosie Lenihan, Intern Coordinator welcomed the interns to the meeting. She also announced that an intern meeting would occur at her house on Saturday, September 24th at 10 am to work on educational boards. Interns should contact Rosie if they would like to attend.

Secretary's Report – Minutes of the April 2022 general business meeting were reviewed by attendees. Motion to accept made by Bruce Crum and seconded by Steve Somermeyer. All approved.

Treasurer's Report, Teri Mitchum – August 2022 report distributed to all. Teri announced that a list of businesses that accept our tax exempt number is forthcoming.

Education Update, Jeff Pell – Janet Cunningham has retired. Her replacement, Tammy Gillespie, still needs an e-mail address. Direct questions to Jeff Pell at this time. Jeff reminded everyone to complete the annual agreement and watch for e-mails on educational / volunteer opportunities. The next Master Gardener class will be in January.

Adventures in Gardening 2022, Carol Gillaspay and Vicki Coleman – Carol reminded everyone that auction items are needed by Thursday before the October 8th seminar. Setup will begin at 1pm on Friday, October 7th. Vicki described the format of the seminar for the benefit of the interns.

Nominating Committee, Vicki Coleman – Vicki announced the candidates for the 2023 Executive Board. Voting will occur at the October 2022 business meeting. Nominees are:

Debbie Off – President

Andria Grady – Vice President

Sharon Miller – Secretary

Teri Mitchum – Treasurer

Bruce Crum – Assistant Treasurer

Project Coordinator – Karen Smith

Communications Coordinator – Kathe Rae

Communications Coordinator & Newsletter, Carl Osborn – Carl is still looking for articles for the newsletter. Carl is working with Igor Kalenny on the new website which will be demonstrated at the next business meeting. The new rollout is expected January 2023.

Project Coordinator, Karen Smith – The movie, The Biggest Little Farm, will be previewed at the Royal Theater on October 20th. More details to follow in an e-mail. Karen announced she is stepping down as the Master Gardener Liaison for the Avon Outdoor Learning Center and to contact her if anyone is interested in the position.

Demonstration and Pollinator Gardens, Sara Fenton – Becky Troutman and Teri Tramm were unable to attend. Sara stated that many positive comments were received during the County Fair. Garden plots will be available next year for adoption again for volunteer hours. Contact Becky, Teri or Dick Meier if interested.

Plant Sale and Auction, Barb Pantos – Barb thanked all the volunteers and announced that the sale made \$1877.25. Barb also announced she is stepping down as the chair and a new person will be needed.

Farmers Markets, Delores Elza – Delores stated that the Plainfield MG booth had over 2 pages of people interested in the Master Gardener classes.

County Fair, Vicki Coleman – Vicky stated that Steve Patterson gave the Master Gardeners a large booth space this year and also donated drawstring bags for the kid's section. Over 600 children participated in the games, 1241 people visited the booth and 54 visitors were interested in the Master Gardener class. Vicky thanked all the volunteers.

Winter Awards Dinner, Sara Fenton - Suzy Freeman could not attend. Sara stated the catering contract was in place for the December 13th event and the fee per person will be \$30.00. Only one side of the auditorium will be available due to new flooring being installed during that time.

Unfinished and New Business – None

Audience to Members – Two Master Gardener members are needed for the Fairgrounds Advisory Board which meets 3 times a year. Next meeting is November 10th. Karen Smith and Sue Leuschke volunteered.

Sara Fenton asked for a motion to adjourn the business meeting at 7:47pm. Kathleen Hutton Kindred made the motion and Carol Gillespy seconded.

Educational Program – Microgreens presented by Steve Zaffarano

Minutes submitted by Cathy Frederick substituting for Sharon Miller, September 25, 2022