

## HENDRICKS COUNTY EXTENSION MASTER GARDENERS

Minutes of the January 17, 2023 Business Meeting

**Call to Order & Welcome**~The meeting was called to order at 8:24 PM by Debbie Off, President, HCMG.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**~Minutes of the November 2022 general business meeting reviewed by attendees. Motion to accept by Teri Sundine and seconded by Sara Fenton.

**Treasurer's Report**~Teri Mitchum presented the November and December budgets for review. The purchasing policy was discussed. HCEMG has a 501c3 nonprofit status and sales tax exemption from the State of Indiana. Before a purchase, check the vendor to see if we have an exemption certificate on file. Contact the treasurer to get the necessary documents beforehand. We are not reimbursing for sales tax. This policy was asked to be reviewed at the next board meeting.

**Assistant Treasurer, Membership**~Bruce Crum said that more have paid their dues but to be included in the Membership Directory, dues must be in by January 31, 2023. Current Intern (2023) class does not pay dues. Single membership is \$15 or \$25 a couple.

For payment of annual dues

1. Mail a check to the Extension Office, Atten: Hendricks County Master Gardeners, PO Box 7, Danville, IN 46122-0007.

2. Use Paypal or a credit Card through the HCMG website in the members section:

<https://www.hendricksgardeners.com/dues2023.php>.

**Educator Update** - Jeff Pell wanted us to review the extension policy when using a room for meetings. The rooms are to be put back exactly as they were found and all garbage removed and surfaces cleaned.

Andria Grady~Bronze and Igor Kalenny~Advanced Master Gardeners awards were given.

**Communications Coordinator, Newsletter & Membership Directory**~Kathe Rae would like high resolution photos for publishing in the Newsletter. Also, there will be a photo gallery in the new website and high resolution photos are needed for that as well. Information or ideas for the newsletter are welcome. The deadline for publishing the Newsletter is the 20th of the month. Kathe is hoping for the new directory to be available at the March 21st meeting.

**Demo Garden**~Becky said there is a meeting February 7 at 6 PM at the fairgrounds. Help is needed in the entrance garden.

**Farmers Markets**~ Pat and Chuck Dallas, Danville & Deloris Elza, Sue Leuschke, Plainfield. Sue noted that her interesting plant attracted people to the booth! So anyone with an awesome plant, let them know!!

**Gardening For All Ages~** Steve and Kim said there are 103 days until GFAA! Suzy has secured several sponsorships, 53 vendors and just a few are still available. We have 800 Trees coming: Button Bush, Red Oak, Bald Cypress, & White Pine. If you have shredded paper please save it for packing the trees. Save the plastic sleeves if you get them! Tree packing will be two times (evening before and setup day) so those that work are able to help.

Children's booth needs more people for the planning committee. Next meeting is January 24th at Kerry's house, 6 PM. Anyone working at the Children's booth needs to do the very quick working with minors survey.

Becky Troutman said that fertilizer may be donated as long as it is in the original bag with information printed on the bag. Becky is willing to pick up items that can be used in the Gardener's Closet.

Contact Carol Gillaspay about speaking at the event. There will be 4 speaker slots in the morning and we hope to have our own Master Gardeners as speakers!

**Scholarship Committee~**Rosie explained the new updated requirements hopefully will attract more interest and applicants.

**Winter Dinner & Awards~** Suzy asked for any ideas for a theme, decorations and entertainment would be wonderful!!

**Housekeeping Items-Debbie**

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

Working with Minors Certification-<http://tinyurl.com/Puminorcert>

Pay Your Dues!!! <http://Hendricksgardeners.com>

**New Business**

The **2023** Budget was put up to a vote for approval. Motion by Sara Fenton and seconded by Steve Pearl. Motion was passed by a show of hands.

**Audience to Members (Questions, Comments, Announcements)**

Colletta shared some great statistics! During the 2022 year 2,656 volunteers had 152,998 hours which equates to \$3,927,447.37! Way to go MG's!!

Debra Pease had some FREE tickets to the Indiana Home and Garden Show in February!

Debbie Off asked for a motion to adjourn the business meeting. Rosie Lenihan made the motion and Sue Leuschke seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 PM.

Submitted by Sharon Miller, Secretary

**Program:** Diane Blazek, Executive Director, All-American Selections and the National Garden Bureau. **How All-American Selections are Made.**

Upcoming dates to remember:

February 21, 2023~HCMG Meeting  
March 21, 2023~HCMG Meeting  
April 18, 2023~HCMG Meeting  
April 28, 2023~Gardening For All Ages Set up HP Expo Hall  
April 29, 2023~GFAA Hendricks Power Expo Hall  
May 16, 2023~Plant Sale & Auction; Cartilage Barn  
September 19, 2023~HCMG Meeting  
October 6, 2023~Setup AIG: North/South Halls  
October 7, 2023~AIG North/South Halls  
October 17, 2023~HCMG Meeting  
November 21, 2023~HCMG Meeting  
December 12, 2023~Winter Dinner & Awards