

## **HENDRICKS COUNTY EXTENSION MASTER GARDENERS**

Minutes of the September 19, 2023 Business Meeting

**Call to Order & Welcome**~The meeting was called to order at 6:55 PM by Debbie Off, President, HCMG.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**~Minutes of the April 18, 2023 general business meeting were reviewed by attendees. Motion to accept by Sue Leuschke and 2nd by Susan Gackenheimer.

**Treasurer's Report**~Teri Mitchum presented the August Treasurer's report.

**Project Coordinator**~Karen Smith reported at West Bridge Church, the Rhonda Legan Memorial Garden is progressing well and they are planning on expanding to be able to have cut flowers that could be taken to shut-ins.

Carol Gillaspay reported that the Avon Parks will develop community gardens by the Avon Nazarene Church property. Avon Parks is asking for speakers for their meetings from May through September. Many opportunities for those Master Gardeners wanting to present at their meetings.

**Communications Coordinator, Newsletter, Directory**~Kathe Rae would love some newsletter ideas from our group. Pictures from happenings are always welcome.

**County Fair**~Vicki Coleman mentioned the great turnout at our booth and many kids doing the wonderful crafts every day of the fair.

**Nominating Committee**~Vicki Coleman explained the process of nominating the Board. The requirements: Currently completed the last 2 years active in the organization (dues and hours).

**President:** Debbie Off, 2018

**Vice-President:** Barb Pantos, 2016

**Secretary:** Sharon Miller, 2014

**Treasurer:** Martha Rardin, 2007

**Assistant Treasurer:** Bruce Crum, 2008

**Communications:** Kathe Rae, 2017

**Project Coordinator:** Karen Smith, 2012

The slate of officers are presented at two Monthly meetings. If others volunteer or have a write in vote, the membership will vote at the next meeting in October.

**Demonstration/Pollinator Gardens**~Terri Tramm. Dennis Nelson has volunteered to fill the opening in the Demo Garden with Becky Troutman moving south.

Dick Meier has sent our entry of "Whimsical Garden" to the **ALL-American Selections** for consideration. We hope to know by October. In 2018, our Display Garden entry was awarded

Honorable Mention in the Display Garden Category 1. So much work was put into the gardens this year and we hope to be recognized!

We are looking to replace some of the wood in the raised beds and adding a few more beds. Metal or a metal and wood combination with a longer longevity are being researched.

Thanks to Denny for organizing a spruce up day at the Demo Garden! We had a great turn out.

Thank you, Rosie, for bringing donuts!

**Gardening For All Ages 2023**~Kim and Steve Somermeyer Only **221** days! Meetings will begin in November. Please look for donations of seeds.

**Plant Sale**~Kathleen Kindred said that there were many compliments of nice plants, good prices and variety. Record sales bringing in \$2,092! For the next plant sale, please consider plant digs. We are very gentle about taking out the plants! Look for donations of unusual plants to donate.

**Scholarship Committee**~Jan Myers and Rosie Lenihan said they had 14 applicants for the 2 scholarships we were offering. Two students at Purdue University, Alyson Riley Owen and Katherine Newberry were awarded the scholarships.

The chair position for 2024 is open. Contact Karen Smith.

**Adventures in Gardening 2023**~Susan Gackenhaimer and Carol Gillaspy said the deadline to register for AIG is September 19th. **Who's In the Garden** set up is Friday, October 6th.

Volunteer hours will be offered both Friday and Saturday.

**Sheltering Wings**~Carol Gillaspy/Kathe Rae said they have done some container gardening at Haven Homes in Plainfield. The larger pots that trees come in are needed for container gardening. Kathe Rae has a barn to store donated pots.

**Speaker's Bureau**~Carol Gillaspy mentioned there will be many opportunities for speakers. Anyone wanting to share gardening information should let Carol know to add you to the list of speakers.

**Farmer's Markets**~Pat and Chuck Dallas, Delores Elza, Sue Leuschke— Farmer's Markets are over for the season but there was a lot of interest in the Master Gardener Intern program.

**Plainfield Correctional Facility Project** - Elioisa Garza was in London but Sue Leuschke and Deb Pease reported that not much was accomplished this year due to staffing issues and safety of the volunteers. There were last minute cancellations due to security issues. Sue suggested a reassessment of the project.

**Winter Dinner/Awards**~Suzy Freeman and Kathleen Kindred. Save the date, December 12th 2023 for dinner and entertainment! A caterer has been secured and ideas for entertainment are in the works. They are looking for ideas from anyone for centerpieces and those that want to help make them.

**Holiday Tree Decoration**~ Dee Dee Moore is chairing the Holiday tree decorating. She would love to get some of the huge pine cones. There is a Whimsical Theme this year. Decorating will be around Thanksgiving, November 27th. Any help is appreciated!

**Housekeeping Items-Debbie**

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

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

**Annual agreements need to be signed!!!**

**New Business**~~Jeff Pell mentioned that Hendricks Co. Soil and Water is selling trees for \$30.

Email Jeff Pell and Lisa K. Pitts until the position is filled at the extension office.

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

Steve Somermeyer was looking for anyone wanting to help pick grapes at the vineyard Thursday 21st at 8:00 AM. There will be lots of food and tools available.

**Adjournment**

Debbie Off asked for a motion to adjourn the business meeting. Kathleen Kindred motioned to adjourn and Judy Kenninger 2nd. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Submitted by Sharon Miller, Secretary

**PROGRAM**

**Colletta Kosiba~~What's Sticking to my Socks?**

**Dates to Remember:**

September 28th–Beasley Orchard Tour

October 7th–AIG Set Up Oct 6th

October 17th–HCMG Meeting

November 21st–HCMG Meeting

December 12th-Winter Dinner and Awards

