

HENDRICKS COUNTY EXTENSION MASTER GARDENERS

Minutes of the October 17, 2023 Business Meeting

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT~Minutes of the September 19, 2023 general business meeting were reviewed by attendees. Motion to accept by Suzy Freeman and 2nd by Teri Sundine.

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

Communications Coordinator~ Kathe Rae is always looking for content for the Newsletter. Send pictures as well!

Project Coordinator~ Karen Smith wanted to let membership know there are openings for 2024 Winter Dinner Chair/Co Chair. A Grant Proposal Chair will be needed for 2024 as well.

Educator Update ~ Jeff Pell passed out the group demographics form for membership to fill out. It is a Federal requirement for meetings or events
Master Gardener Intern classes will start in January-May 2024. Details will be coming later. Kristyn Horning is our new ANR Administration Assistant. Welcome Kristyn!
Please remember to do the annual agreement and get in Volunteer/Education hours by November 1st, the deadline to report hours. Anyone moving to another level will get their new badges at the Winter Dinner.

GFAA~Steve Somermeyer reminded us that the event is 193 days away! Save the date, Saturday April 27th, 2024 at the 4-H Fairgrounds. John Dottenwhy called and got 1200 trees! The Danville Tree Committee has generously donated \$500 towards the cost and want to volunteer to help give them away! The first meeting is November 13th at 6:00 pm at the Fairgrounds. All are welcome to help in the various sub committees working together to make a great event.

Adventures in Gardening~ Susan Gackenheimer reported a great turnout of 95+ attendees that enjoyed all the great speakers! Our auction was in honor of Nancy Rice who passed away shortly after last year's AIG. She headed the auction committee in 2022. We were able to raise \$1750.00 with some very nice auction items! Great job, Susan, Carol and team!

Nominating Committee~Vicki Coleman announced the slate of candidates for the 2024 Executive Board. No additional nominations came from the floor. Voting took place and our new officers are:

President: Debbie Off
Vice-President: Barb Pantos
Secretary: Sharon Miller
Treasurer: Martha Rardin

Assistant Treasurer: Bruce Crum
Project Coordinator: Karen Smith
Communications: Kathe Rae

Winter Dinner~ Suzy Freeman, Kathleen Kindred want to encourage all to attend the Winter Dinner & Awards night, December 12th at the Fairgrounds. Starting at 6:00 with a social hour, dinner and entertainment to follow. Cost is \$30 per person paying by PayPal on our website, check by mail or at the November 21st general meeting. Deadline is November 30th. There will be volunteer opportunities for set up, bar tenders, check in and clean up.

Holiday Tree~ Dee Dee and committee will decorate the tree on November 27th. She is looking for a 3" gold ribbon if you have some to donate. It can be brought to the November meeting.

Demonstration and Pollinator Gardens~ Teri Tramm. Debra Pease is looking into different raised garden hardware to see what is good for the beds we will be replacing. Colletta recommended getting the best quality so they will not have to be replaced as often. We are waiting to hear about the status of our entry of our "Whimsical Garden" to the *ALL-American Selections* Display Garden contest. Colletta suggested an article with pictures needs to be sent to the Republican Newspaper.

Plainfield Correctional Facility Project~ Eloisa Garza talked about the problems of not enough security, staffing issues and cancellations. She wanted to stress that the men in the facility are really committed and are appreciative of the work we do. They hope that we are able to come back.

Housekeeping Items~Debbie

1. Volunteer & Education hours—<http://purdue.edu/mg-volunteer/login.php>
2. Working With Minors—<http://tinyurl.com/PUminorcert>

Audience to Members (Questions, Comments, Announcements) Colletta will be presenting at Owl Fest at Eagle Creek, October 21st, 22nd.

FFA is in need of judges for November 1st at the State Fairgrounds.

****Please check your information in the directory. Kathe wants to correct, add or delete changes for the 2024 Directory.

Debbie Off asked for a motion to adjourn the business meeting. Teri Mitchum motioned to adjourn and 2nd by Tony Corrice. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Program: David Wiles, DNR Bats in the Garden

Dates to Remember: November 21, 2023 HCMG Meeting
December 12, 2023—Winter Dinner and Awards

