

HENDRICKS COUNTY EXTENSION MASTER GARDENERS

Minutes of the January 16, 2024 Business Meeting

Call to Order & Welcome~The zoom meeting was called to order at 6:45PM by Barb Pantos, Vice President, HCMG.

SECRETARY'S REPORT~Minutes of the November 21, 2023 general business meeting was available through the email sent earlier and reviewed by attendees. A motion to accept by Martha Rardin and 2nd by Steve Pearl.

Treasurer's Report~Martha Rardin had the November and December 2023 budgets available for review through the email sent earlier. She presented the draft 2024 report. Steve Pearl asked about the money allotted for Grants. He suggested making it a line item with zero dollars and fund when a chairperson is available. With that change of the 2024 budget, a motion to accept by Steve Pearl and 2nd by Steve Somermyer.

Martha also reported that 44 people have not renewed their dues this year. You can send an email to Martha to check if you have paid. Members may pay by check and send to the fairgrounds or PayPal with a link on the HCMG Website. Dues are \$15 for a single person and \$25 for a couple and must be received by January 31st to be included in the 2024 Member Directory.

Communications Coordinator, Newsletter, Membership Directory~Kathe Rae asked for you to double check your information in the Directory for accuracy. She hopes to have it available by the March meeting.

Project Coordinator~Karen Smith reported that all Committee Heads are filled!!

Speaker's Bureau Coordinators~ Carol Gillaspay & Karen Smith are looking for more presenters as there are upcoming requests for speakers.

Educator Update - Jeff Pell said the class of 37 people is full and others that missed out can email him at the fairgrounds and be put on a waiting list for next year.

Class starts on January 29th and he will ask for one volunteer per class to help with set-up, check in, snacks, and clean up. Start time is 5:30 and he will give us 4 hours. You can use all 4 for volunteer hours or 3 volunteer hours and 1 education hour. Please sign up for one and allow others the availability.

Everyone is asked to complete their annual agreement and update any information that has changed.

Jeff wanted to remind us to go to the Purdue website to look for education hours if needed.

Demonstration/Pollinator Gardens~Terri Tramm, Rhonda Orem, Dick Meier. None of the committee heads were on the zoom so Barb wanted to let membership know that there will be improvements made in the watering system as well as the raised beds.

Terri Tramm, Barb Pantos and Marth Rardin met with Steve Patterson about partnering with a pergola project and other improvements we could assist him with at the fairgrounds. He is interested in working with us so planning and implementing will begin!

The Demo Garden committee will have its first meeting on February 6th from 6:00-7:00 at the fairgrounds.

GFAA 2024~Kim and Steve Somermeyer told everyone that GFAA is only **102** days away! Almost all vendor booths are filled. There are four remaining.

Biljana wanted to remind anyone with gardening related items to donate to the Gardener's Closet, she can pick them up if needed. Please donate gently used items that are garden related. No chemicals.

Dee Dee said they have a lot of donated bulbs and potting soil and plan to plant the end of February, early March. More 4'-5' pots needed. Please bring them to the February meeting.

Cheryl Clarkson reported they have several colors of T-shirts with white lettering. There needs to be a minimum of 24 orders. Cheryl and Pam Hoffman will have the colors and sizes available to order at the February meeting.

Parking issues at the fairgrounds will be looked into for GFAA. We could possibly use golf carts to move people to the building when parking further away.

Save paper and newspaper as well as plastic sleeves for the 1200 trees we will be giving away! We will be incorporating the 200 BiCentennial theme with the Children's Booth and throughout the event as much as possible.

Scholarship Committee~Dee Dee Moore and Terri Mitchum—Dee Dee has updated all the scholarship information and is waiting for Ed to add to the website.

Plainfield Correctional Facility Project~Eloisa reported there is training on February 3rd at 10:00 AM at the facility that will be approximately 1 hour. On January 23rd at 2:00 PM at the facility, there will be introductions to the men participating. Garden planning will begin.

Housekeeping Items~Barb

1. Volunteer & Education hours <http://purdue.edu/mg-volunteer/login.php>
2. Working with Minors Certification—<http://tinyurl.com/PUminorcert>
3. **Pay your dues** and complete the Annual Agreement.

Unfinished Business~At the Winter Dinner, membership voted to offer two \$2000.00 scholarships. Motion to accept was Kathleen Kindred and 2nd by Jo Vickery.

Audience to Members (Questions, Comments, Announcements) At our next meeting, February 20th, bring a clean plastic gallon jug and seeds for winter sowing as our educational component. They will have everything else that's needed.

Barb Pantos asked for a motion to adjourn the business meeting. Bruce Crum motioned to adjourn and Martha Rardin 2nd. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM.

Submitted by: Sharon Miller, Secretary

Dates to Remember:

February 20, 2024—HCMG Meeting

March 19, 2024—HCMG Meeting

April 16th, 2024—HCMG Meeting

April 27, 2024—**GFAA**