

Hanover Master Gardener Association
General Membership Meeting
2013 New Class Reception
New Hanover Presbyterian Church
January 7, 2013

Minutes

President Buz Sawyer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Buz welcomed everyone and invited them to line up for dinner, announcing the meeting would resume shortly after 7:00 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 7:15 p.m. Buz explained the new Mentoring Program, its implementation for the new training class, and thanked Lisa Willis, Rene Henderson, and their team for putting it together and implementing the program.

Buz discussed our list of project opportunities that help our community. He explained meetings were ongoing to grow that list, and all members would be welcome at our next Board of Directors Meeting on January 21 in the DSS Room Lounge. He stated several openings were available for anyone interested in heading a project.

Buz recognized outgoing officers, Judy Durant - Secretary, Rene Henderson - Treasurer, and Liz Campbell - Vice President, and thanked them for their efforts.

Buz introduced the Board for 2013, including Buz Sawyer - President, Betsy Lyon - Vice President, Pat Reyes - Treasurer, and Wayne Bryant - Secretary. Buz recognized and thanked Beckey Watson and her committee for the extra cooking, planning and setting up for our New Class Reception/Membership Meeting. He stated that Beckey is stepping down from this position, and Barbara Sawyer and others have agreed to take over. Buz also recognized the other Committee Coordinators and Project Coordinators (listed on the Draft List for 2013) whose efforts are essential to our group. In addition, he recognized Theresa Cammarata, Home Gardening Series Coordinator, whose name was inadvertently omitted from the list.

Buz explained our Grant Program, which provides grants to school horticulture projects in Hanover County, is funded primarily by our spring and fall plant sales. He stated that, as education is one of our main goals, we were disappointed to only have one grant application last year, but pleased to announce that eleven grant applications have already been received for this year.

Buz reminded members that dues for 2013, \$10.00, are now outstanding, and to contact Treasurer Pat Reyes to make payment.

Buz announced the passing of HMGA member Ernie Bednar.

Buz then yielded the floor to Pattie Bland, our Master Gardener Staff Coordinator.

Pattie announced that we had twenty (subsequently nineteen) new students signed up for the 2013 Master Gardener Class that starts Wednesday, January 9, at 6:30 p.m., and introduced those present on the following list of trainees:

Anne Atkins	Doris Coleman	Terrell Daniel (withdrawn)
Theresa Dean	Katie Gantt	Bev Geiger
Juliane Givler	Valerie Gross	Debra Hufner
Patrick Johnson	Blair Lewis	Roberta Martin
David Myers	Teresa Phillips	Barbe Shaffer
Judy Kimie Snyder	Dianne Inge	Ian Sutton
Catherine Thomas	Peter Walker	

Pattie presented milestone recognition awards to Regina Feucht and Jack Baxter for 250 volunteer hours, and Susie Knuth, intern from the class of 2012, for completing 50 volunteer hours.

Pattie then returned the floor to Buz.

After the introduction of the new class, milestone recognitions, and a short break, Buz introduced our featured speaker, Dan Nortman - Associate Extension Agent for York County, who gave a very informative talk on "Good and Bad Bugs in the Garden."

Following Dan's presentation, Buz thanked everyone for coming and for volunteering as Master Gardeners, which helps to improve the community.

A scratch-off game was played to determine the winners of the table centerpieces.

Buz adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

There were 121 RSVPs for this meeting. The sign-in sheet will be attached to the file copy of these minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

**Wayne Bryant
Secretary**