

**Hanover Master Gardener Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Hanover Evangelical Friends Church**  
**February 17, 2020**

*Minutes*

Pattie Bland, President, called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m., and confirmed a quorum.

The reading of the minutes of the January 20, 2020, Board of Directors meeting and the February 3, 2020, General Membership Meeting was waived. The minutes were approved as previously distributed.

Pat Reyes, Treasurer, presented the financial report through January 31, 2020. The financial report was approved, pending review, and will be attached to the file copy of the minutes. Pat presented a proposed budget for 2020. The Board discussed the proposed budget. A motion to approve the budget was made, seconded, and approved. The Board discussed ideas to increase HMGA grant participation/applications, including creation and/or sponsorship of after school "Ecology Clubs." Christy Brennan proposed that the HMGA donate to the VT Endowment Fund on "Giving Day," which would be matched dollar for dollar. Lisa Willis moved that the HMGA donate \$250 to the Endowment Fund. The motion was seconded by Julie Givler and approved by the Board. Pat reported that IRS form 990-N was submitted.

Angelette Pryor, Volunteer Coordinator, was absent with notice. Her report was presented by Pattie. Angelette reported that Sharonda Lindsay, 4-H Program Assistant, started February 10, and will concentrate on current clubs and 4-H camp. The MG approached by Angelette for Plant Clinic project coordinator has declined. Angelette reported that if no MG steps forward to lead, we may need to cancel out of county plant clinics, Maymont, and Lewis Ginter. Val Kish suggested that a request for a PC coordinator, with a job description, be sent to all MGs. Betty Jane Hughes will work on the job description. Pattie will follow up with Angelette. Angelette reported that Richard Wood is the new Youth Projects coordinator. She reported that the MG Trainees' visit to the Extension office was well received and thanked Pattie, Pat, Richard, Emily Gianfortoni, and Linda Hazelwood, for helping. Angelette thanked everyone that helped with the VMGA meeting. Several requests to provide additional information about displays and trainee classes were received. Val is working on the Help Desk schedule for 2020. The Extension office has received a request for adult MG programs (HGS) at the Rockville library. This request could be considered for the summer. Other Pamunkey system libraries also want summer programs. MG statistics have been combined with all Hanover Extension volunteers and were reported to Community Services. Angelette requested that the Board think about nominees for the Spirit of Volunteerism.

Pattie Bland, President, stated that the March 16, 2020, BOD meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. Meeting times will return to evenings in April. Meeting times/location will be reviewed when space becomes available in the Parks & Recreation building. Pattie requested the Board consider donating \$1,000 for reprinting the "Native Plants for Virginia's Capital Region" guide. The request was discussed, a motion to donate \$1,000 was made, seconded, and approved by the Board. Pattie asked for suggestions/ideas of 2020 HMGA community outreach goals. Ideas included the rehabilitation of the VCE office garden and the Pole Green Park butterfly garden, adopting a section of highway, support of ecology clubs in schools, joining other groups in support of Earth Day and Arbor Day events, activities for children at the plant sale, and to create presentations/programs on the top 2 Help Desk inquiries with website links.

Ginny Nicholas, HMGA Meetings, reported that Dave Myers will speak March 2 on “Roses and Their Care” at the member-led meeting. Cynthia Micklem will make a presentation on “The Socrates Project – Poisonous Plants in Virginia” at the May 4 General Membership meeting. Marcie Townsend will speak at the July 9, member-led meeting. Ginny is arranging for a speaker from the Freckled Flower Farm for the September General Membership meeting. She has reached out to NOAA for a speaker but has not heard back. Linda Hazelwood has contacted Anne Geyer with Agriberry Farm and Agriberry Farm Fruit CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) about a speaker and tour. Ginny reported that a trainee is interested in working with native plants in the office garden as a project.

Linda Hazelwood, Advanced MG/Land Care Steward) reported that a meeting of interested MGs was held on February 5 and was well-attended. Emily Gianfortoni discussed procedures and Laura Maxey-Nay discussed safety. There will be a trial visit on Wednesday, February 19.

Val Kish, Help Desk, reported that there will be a 2020 Help Desk Planning meeting on Friday at the P&R building from 1:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m. on “How to Assess Responses.”

Pat Reyes, Plant Sale, discussed the March 21 “potting party” to receive and plant donations for the April 18 plant sale. She reported that Sandy Pence has confirmed 4 vendors for the sale.

Christy Brennan, VMGA, reported that the VMGA meeting, hosted by the HMGA on February 8 at the HEFC, went well. She has received several inquiries about the HMGA demos and has forwarded them to Pattie and Angelette.

Doris Gullotta, Scotchtown, stated that Preservation Virginia expressed thanks to the Hanover Master Gardeners for all the work done in the gardens at Scotchtown. She stated there will be an event at Scotchtown on May 30, in conjunction with the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Hanover County.

Pattie reminded the Board that the next member-led meeting is scheduled for March 2, at the HEFC. The next Board of Directors meeting will be on March 16. The February 17, 2020, meeting of the HMGA Board of Directors was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

**Present:** Pattie Bland, Ginny Nicholas, Pat Reyes, Wayne Bryant, Doris Gullotta, Linda Hazelwood, Christy Brennan, Betty Jane Hughes, Lisa Willis, Julie Givler, Jane White, Bill Fleming, Val Kish, Darlette Meekins, and Marcie Townsend. The attendance sheet will be attached to the file copy of these minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bryant  
Secretary