

**Hanover Master Gardener Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Hanover Extension Grounds**  
**November 16, 2020**

**Minutes**

Pattie Bland, President, called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m., and confirmed a quorum.

The reading of the minutes of the September 21, 2020, and the October 19, 2020, Board of Directors meetings was waived. The minutes were approved as previously distributed.

Pat Reyes, Treasurer, was not present. The financial report was not available.

Angelette Pryor, Volunteer Coordinator, reported that Parks and Recreation has moved to their new facilities. Repairs and upgrades to the facility will begin shortly. Angelette stated that 12 people have signed up in Hanover for 2021 MG training via Zoom. Jane White stated that she has been attending Farmers' Markets to promote MG Training classes and the Help Desk. Angelette is coordinating with Ed Wall, and the HGS programs will start in January via Zoom. September Sickinger is being trained to become a Zoom host. More speakers are needed. Anyone interested should contact Angelette or Ed. Angelette reminded everyone that viewing of MG College classes will end December 31.

Pattie Bland, President, announced the passing of Susie Knuth's husband, Spike. Pattie discussed the Seed Saver program request received by the Help Desk from the Mechanicsville Library and forwarded by Val Kish. Pattie committed the HMGs to partner with the Library on this outreach. She is looking into sources for some heirloom seeds. Julie Givler stated that J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College has a seed library. Pattie will send out the call to our MGs about donating seeds, suggestions on items for the kits, and assembling the kits. Pattie discussed the need for the BOD meeting, scheduled for December 21. The BOD decided to cancel the meeting. Pattie reminded Committee and Project Leaders to send in their reports so she can complete the Annual Report.

Ginny Nicholas, HMGA Meetings, reported that Angelette has scheduled a Zoom MG meeting on November 18, 2020, for Civil Rights, Risk Management, and Working with Youth training. Dave Slack from the Department of Forestry is scheduled to speak on "Native Trees and Their Benefit to Wildlife" at the December 3 General Membership meeting. (This meeting may have to be via Zoom.) Marcie Townsend will speak at the February 1 meeting on the "Potager Gardens." Sara Mallory with The Freckled Flower Farm will discuss "Flower Farming Techniques" with a hand-tied bouquet demonstration at the March 1 meeting. Angelette is planning a Project Fair for the April 8 Member-led meeting. The HMGA plant sale will be held on April 17.

Val Kish, Help Desk, reported that things are winding down. She reported that of the 11 interns in the last class, 8 have signed up and 3 have completed their four hours of required Help Desk training.

Doris Gullotta, Scotchtown, reported that with 8 volunteers (including 3 interns) at the last workday, a lot of work was accomplished. She will schedule a final date for clean-up in December. Volunteers should sign up on VMS. Doris reported lots of positive feedback on the gardens.

Doris, Nominating Committee Chair, submitted the committee's recommended slate of candidates to the BOD. The recommended slate includes Pattie Bland, President; Annette Schanz, Vice President; Pat Reyes, Treasurer; and Wayne Bryant, Secretary. Additional voting members include Betty Jane Hughes, Christy Brennan, Linda Hazelwood, Lisa Willis, Bill Fleming (later removed), Jane White, and Julie Givler. Doris introduced and welcomed Annette Schanz. The Board approved the proposed slate. Doris will email the HMGA members who will vote for or against the slate of candidates. Doris will present the results at the meeting on December 3.

The Board was reminded that the next BOD meeting will be on January 18, 2021. The November 16, 2020, meeting of the HMGA Board of Directors was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

**Present:** Pattie Bland, Ginny Nicholas, Wayne Bryant, Linda Hazelwood, Lisa Willis, Julie Givler, Jane White, Doris Gullotta, Angelette Pryor, Juanita Wrenn, Val Kish, Annette Schanz, and Susan Doran  
The sign-in sheet will be attached to the file copy of these minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bryant  
Secretary