

Hanover Master Gardener Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Via Zoom
February 15, 2021, 10:00AM

Minutes

Pattie Bland, President, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. A quorum was not confirmed.

Approval of the minutes from the January 18, 2021 BOD meeting and the Association Meeting on February 1, 2021 were deferred to the next BOD meeting.

Pat Reyes, Treasurer, presented the financial report for January 2021. The report was accepted pending review.

Angelette Pryor, Volunteer Coordinator, reported that the renovations of the new office areas are continuing. New windows, carpeting and roof repairs are planned.

Annette Schantz, HMGA Meetings, reported that she is working with HEFC on when the church will be opening their rooms for in person meetings. For the March Association meeting, there will be a presentation of Better Impact. The April meeting was to be the project fair. Since there may not be approval for in person events there was discussion in the group about how effective the project fair would be if presented via Zoom. The original focus of this fair was for the new trainees therefore it was planned early in the spring. Lisa suggested that we use the pavilion at the office for project displays later in the year weather permitting. There was no decision as to when the project fair would be held.

Linda Hazelwood, Land Care Steward, there is nothing new to report. The presentation by the Land Care Stewards for HGS will be this month.

Betty Jane Hughes, Communications, reported that she is making good progress on Better Impact. She has set up some dummy activities to use for demos and training. She is also working on documentation.

Beckey Watson was not present. Since schools have limited in person classes, she is continuing to work on grant possibilities for other community groups. Guidelines for the expansion of these grants are under discussion.

Angelette Pryor, HGS, last Saturday's presentation on dyeing was very interesting. There were 31 attendees. The power outage caused some issues for the presenter but to the attendees, there was no effect. BJ reported that the HGS recordings are out on the website. Angelette reported that in the biweekly update from State, HGS was not present. BJ stated that she would send the schedule to Kathleen.

Val Kish, Help Desk, reported that they are still getting some calls and emails however, volume is down.

Angelette Pryor, MG Training, stated that classes are continuing to go well. No one has reported any problems with the online sessions. It appears that 8 students are watching the live sessions and 4 are watching the videos. So far no one has expressed a need for a Q & A session. The exam goes out this week.

Susan Doran, Plant Clinics, there was some discussion about the PC boxes, how are they maintained and by who. It was a general agreement that the boxes need to be reviewed, the checklist and guidelines need to be updated. Susan agreed to manage this task keeping in mind that there are some items that need to be kept for specific clinics. Angelette stated that a new PMG will be coming out this spring.

Pat Reyes, Plant Sale, stated that Ed Wall has purchased seed and starting medium for tomatoes. These plants will be sold to other Master Gardeners.

Doris Gullotta, Scotchtown, a work day will be planned soon depending on the weather. BJ will send out the announcement. The staff at Scotchtown is looking forward to this year's activities. They have been taking care of the compost pile for us.

Speakers Bureau, no report

Working with Youth, no report

State Fair, on hold

VMGA, no report

Angelette Pryor, Continuing Education, said that several opportunities for CE hours are coming from the State. No time or date as of yet can be announced. Pattie added that the State is sending out Links for a webinar series on the RVA Natives Plant Campaign. The series is hosted by Lewis Ginter and there are plans for them to run spring and fall of this year. They will also be recorded for later viewing. They are open to the public and there is a cost of \$10.

Lisa Willis suggested that as a way of obtaining the required volunteer hours, we could use the list of suggested plant clinic themes from a few years ago to develop demos for plant clinics. Some can be hands on demos or actual constructed displays to illustrate these themes. BJ will look for the existing list. Taylor Adams' name was presented as a possible resource for display construction.

Julie Givler brought up the need for a "rainy day fund" to be used for miscellaneous spending that is separate from the general association funds. She recommended that HMGA dues be increased to \$15 to support this. Pattie will set up a finance committee to explore how this fund will be managed in relation to 501c3 guidelines. An audit may be planned for this year.

The Board was reminded of the next Quarterly Association meeting March 1, 2021. The next BOD meeting will be on March 15, 2021. The February 15, 2021, meeting of the HMGA Board of Directors was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Present: Pattie Bland, Annette Schanz, Pat Reyes, Linda Hazelwood, Betty Jane Hughes, Lisa Willis, Julie Givler, Jane White, Doris Gullotta, Angelette Pryor, Val Kish, Carol Brown, Judy Durrant and Susan Doran. The sign-in sheet will be attached to the file copy of these minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Gullotta
Immediate Past President