

Hanover Master Gardener Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Hanover Evangelical Friends Church
January 15, 2018

Minutes

President Doris Gullotta called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. She welcomed Pattie Bland, newly elected VP, and the rest of the attendees, to the first meeting of the year. There were not enough Board members present to confirm a quorum.

The reading of the minutes for the December 18, 2017, BOD meeting was waived. There were no changes to the minutes as previously distributed by email.

Pat Reyes, Treasurer, presented the financial report through December 31, 2017. The report was accepted, pending audit. She reported that the registration fee for Herbs Galore had been paid. Pat stated that the costs of the "Eat a Rainbow" program at the State Fair had been reimbursed. She advised that accounts were closed at VCB and moved to Towne Bank for a higher interest rate. Pat presented a proposed budget for 2018. The Board discussed the proposed budget at length. Costs of \$384.00, to purchase firewall and daily scanning protection for the website (approved at the October BOD meeting), will need to be included.

Angelette Pryor, Volunteer Coordinator, stated that the Pamunkey Regional Libraries now require a contract to reserve meeting space for the HGS presentations. Neither Hanover Extension nor any HMG may sign a contract or agreement. Any location which requires a statement of insurance must be approved and contracts/agreements signed by VCE/Virginia Tech to provide insurance to the HMGs. Approvals are pending.

Doris stated the annual end-of-year report is now available on VMS and the HMGA website. She presented the proposed schedule of meetings for 2018. The Board confirmed the 2018 HMGA meeting schedule after making a few changes. A possible member-led meeting was discussed for November in conjunction with the end of the fall training class. Pattie will work on a possible program. Doris stated that Laura Maxey-Nay, VCE/HMG, is working with project leaders to update all project proposal reports by the end of January.

Betty Jane Hughes and Angelette are working with the Communications Committee on the different methods of keeping all MGs informed. The Announcement Board has been discontinued. Angelette will inform MGs of new events and opportunities, and Betty Jane will inform MGs of past MG activities on the website.

Ed Wall, HGS, reported the program is off to a great start. The first program had 28 attendees and the second had 30. He reported that all Pamunkey Regional Libraries now have equipment that will accept a flash drive to display programs without the need of an HMGA projector.

Emily Gianfortoni, Advanced MG, reported that she and Linda Hazelwood will take on the Smart Landscaping/Home Visits program as the Advanced MG/Land Care Steward project for 2018.

Angelette Pryor, Continuing Education, reported she is working with Pattie to provide programs, speakers, and trips and tours that are both educational and interesting to the MGs. Pattie has confirmed that Dr. Phil Sheridan of the Meadowview Biological Research Station and the Joseph Pines Preserve will speak at the General Membership meeting on February 2. Angelette has arranged for a tour of the Joseph Pines Preserve in Sussex County on March 24, 2018.

Buz Sawyer, Plant Clinics, was not present. Doris reported the application for Maymont Herbs Galore has been submitted. She stated the PC committee would be meeting on February 8 to complete a schedule of the 2018 plant clinics.

Betty Jane Hughes, Bylaws Committee, is still working to revise the bylaws. Several changes were suggested to the latest revision. She will schedule a meeting to continue the work of the committee. She hopes to have them approved by the BOD in time for a vote of the HMGA Membership at the May 4 General Membership meeting.

Doris stated the next General Membership Meeting will be on February 2, and the next BOD meeting is scheduled for February 19, both at the HEFC. The January meeting of the HMGA Board of Directors was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Present: Doris Gullotta, Pattie Bland, Pat Reyes, Wayne Bryant, Betty Jane Hughes, Angelette Pryor, Linda Hazelwood, Emily Gianfortoni, Ed Wall, and Juanita Wrenn. The attendance sheet will be attached to the file copy of these minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bryant
Secretary