

Hanover Master Gardener Association
General Membership Meeting
Hanover Evangelical Friends Church
May 4, 2018

Minutes

President Doris Gullotta welcomed the members; guests; and our speaker, Steve Chidsey, to the HMGA General Membership Meeting.

Angelette Pryor, Volunteer Coordinator, thanked the MGs for their contributions to the community. She started a program of pictures of volunteer activities and volunteer statistics that was displayed during the meal. She stated that anyone who had not received the volunteer appreciation gifts she was distributing should check with her “berry, berry” soon.

Doris stated that the business meeting would follow the meal. She invited everyone to enjoy the pot luck dinner.

Doris called the business meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. She invited Ed Wall to update the members on the HGS program and the recent Trips and Tours trip to the Center for Biodiversity at Joseph Pines Preserve. Ed stated that the HGS program was very well-received by the public. He attributed the success of the program to the many MG volunteers who shared the responsibilities, including Kristy Gahn, September Sickinger, and Diane Dean. He said he was looking forward to another great upcoming year. Ed reported that Phil Sheridan, Ph.D., enthusiastically led the walking tour at Joseph Pines, and the MG group found it informative and educational.

Doris announced that the Board has approved the purchase of tee shirts with the HMGA logo across the chest. She stated that the shirts will be available for \$10 each (sizes 2XL-5XL will cost \$12 each) and are available in many colors. She displayed a picture of the shirt with logo. Additional information will be sent to members.

Doris updated the members on the status of the community garden being started at HEFC. An application for a HMGA grant is in the review process. The Church plans to start with ten raised beds this summer.

Doris announced a new volunteer opportunity at a church in the Jackson Ward neighborhood of Richmond on June 2. This will be a homecoming celebration weekend for the church and a block party for the neighborhood. The focus of this opportunity will be on container gardens. Watch for details.

Doris reminded members to pay their dues. She stated members can pay dues to Pat Reyes by cash, check, or credit card. Dues can also be paid on-line at HanoverMasterGardeners.org. She requested that members submit their favorite recipes to Paula Willoughby, to be posted on the website. Doris reminded all MGs of the importance of logging volunteer hours on VMS.

Pattie Bland, Vice President, introduced speaker, Steve Chidsey, Chief of Public Works Operations, who spoke on the background and workings of Hanover County's recycling program. Door prizes were awarded following the talk.

Doris thanked everyone who helped organize and set up. She thanked Beckey Watson for making the centerpieces, Linda Hazelwood for hospitality, and Diane Dean for her technical assistance. Doris thanked Extension staff for the volunteer appreciation gifts. She stated the Hanover Spirit of Volunteerism Awards would be presented at Hanover High School at 7:00 p.m. on May 15. Open House for the Fall MG class will be on May 21. The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on May 21, 2018, and all members are welcome to attend. She said that Plant Clinics are in full swing and to check on VMS for available volunteer opportunities. Doris stated that registration for Master Gardener College is now open. There were 28 people in attendance.

The May 4, 2018, HMGA General Membership Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Present: The attendance sheet will be attached to the file copy of these minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bryant
Secretary