

Hanover Master Gardener Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Hanover Evangelical Friends Church
March 18, 2019

Minutes

Pattie Bland, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., and confirmed a quorum.

The reading of the minutes of the February 18, 2019, BOD meeting was waived. The minutes were approved as previously distributed.

Pat Reyes, Treasurer, did not attend the meeting. Pattie presented the financial report through February 28, 2019. The report was accepted, pending financial review. The financial report will be attached to the file copy of the minutes.

Angelette Pryor, Volunteer Coordinator, did not attend the meeting. Pattie, reporting for Angelette, stated that interns are signing up for the Help Desk slowly. Requests for Help Desk are starting to increase, as is typical this time of year. Citizens are noticing issues caused by excessive rain, now that we have had a few clear days. VSU Field Day will be in August this year, not June as is historical. The Hanover Master Gardener group was nominated for the Spirit of Volunteerism – Team – Award. Colonial Farm Credit and the State Fair of Virginia wrote letters of support for the nomination. Angelette asked that updated Project Proposals be sent to Laura via email. Tablecloths from VT with VCE logo are over \$170 each. Angelette suggested looking for another vendor. There was great PR in the Mechanicsville Local about the HMGA Plant Sale. Master Gardener Volunteer Appreciation will be during the May 6, 2019, General Membership meeting. The HMGA Grants committee will meet April 2, 2019, from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., in the Parks and Recreation classroom.

Ginny Nicholas, HMGA Meetings, reported that American Family Fitness personal trainer Colette Woods will speak on functional movements associated with gardening at the May 6 General Membership meeting. Bobby Naglic will speak at the June 6 member-led meeting on growing herbs and their benefits. Ed Wall will speak at the July 11 member-led meeting on propagation. Ginny is still working on the speaker and location for the September General Membership meeting. Ginny also reported that Catherine Thomas and Angelette have experienced a problem with the HMGA computers not being able to accept the new Ultra USB Type-C Flash Drive. The BOD discussed the situation and decided to investigate USB Type-C to USB adaptors rather than purchase new computers. Ginny has submitted a proposal for a new garden at Parks and Recreation building to Laura Maxey-Nay, ANR.

Emily Gianfortoni, Advanced MG/Land Care Steward, did not attend the meeting. Pattie reported that Linda Hazelwood and Emily have made two home visits and one school visit for the LCS/ HVP. There is one more home visit scheduled. Emily is hoping the volunteers at Mechanicsville Elementary will submit a grant proposal. Emily will encourage them to do so. Emily would like to link the school with a MG to give them ongoing support and answer questions. Emily would like to involve more MG volunteers in the program, now that the program is catching on. Linda and Emily will set up another meeting for interested MGs. Bill Fleming gave a 15-minute talk on composting as a result of a Help Desk request from the Ruritan.

Ed Wall, HGS, reported good attendance (22) in Ashland on March 9, and twelve “regulars” at the March 16 program. He stated that a change to his work schedule will prevent him from being as “hands on” in the future. Ginny Nicholas has been filling in when he cannot be on site. He hopes to continue with the HGS program next year, but behind the scenes.

Betty Jane Hughes, Communications, did not attend the meeting. Pattie reported for Betty Jane that the projector and a portable projector screen have been purchased. The Committee is still researching pricing wireless microphones.

Buz Sawyer, Plant Clinic, did not attend the meeting. Pattie, reporting for Buz, stated that no one has reached out from Historic Garden Week asking for Hanover MG input. Capital Region Native Plant Guides will be included in PC boxes.

Doris Gullotta, Scotchtown, reported that three volunteers participated in the February 21 clean-up day at Scotchtown and seven volunteers participated on February 28. Pictures are on Facebook. She will schedule more days as needed. On March 4, Doris spoke to the Kiwanis Club about Scotchtown.

Christy Brennan, VMGA Representative, stated the next VMGA meeting will be on Saturday April 17, 2019, near Roanoke. The May VMGA educational event for MGs in Roanoke is posted on VMS. Christy reminded the Board that MG College will be September 12-15, in Norfolk this year. One-day passes will be available to MGs, and some classes may be open to the public. It will be a test run for International MG College being held there in 2021. Christy stated that she needed ideas for the Virginia State Fair. The BOD discussed ideas and decided a program on “Best Practices” offered promise.

Pattie reminded the Board that the next BOD meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2019, at the HEFC. The March meeting of the HMGA Board of Directors was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Present: Pattie Bland, Ginny Nicholas, Wayne Bryant, Doris Gullotta, Christy Brennan, Lisa Willis, Ed Wall, Juanita Wrenn, and Pat Bruker. The attendance sheet will be attached to the file copy of these minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

**Wayne Bryant
Secretary**