

Hanover Master Gardener Association
General Membership Meeting
Hanover Evangelical Friends Church
May 6, 2019

Minutes

President Pattie Bland called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. She welcomed the members; interns; trainees; guests; and our speaker, Colette Woods. Pattie invited everyone to enjoy the potluck dinner.

Ginny Nicholas, VP, introduced the speaker, Colette Woods, personal trainer at American Family Fitness. Her presentation "Functional Movement and Gardening" was interesting and informative.

Pattie called the business meeting to order at 8:08 p.m. Pattie turned the meeting over to Angelette Pryor, Volunteer Coordinator. Angelette stated that twelve trainees started the Master Gardener class on February 12. She asked that everyone in attendance introduce themselves, which was done. The 2019 trainees included:

Jennifer Baker
Brenda Ham
Monhae Harris
Carol Koger

Darlette Meekins
Ginny Meeks
Kelli Moore
Diane Mullins

Victoria Shipp
Marcie Townsend
Jane White
Richard Wood

Ten of the trainees have completed training and were presented their Intern Certificates by Laura Maxey-Nay (ANR) and Angelette. Carol Koger and Diane Mullins are in the process of becoming interns.

Angelette announced that last year 84 MGs contributed 6,627 volunteer hours. She said the value of all the volunteer time contributed by all parts of Hanover Extension was \$670,000. She reported that the Hanover Master Group was nominated for the Spirit of Volunteerism-Team-Award. She invited anyone interested to attend the Spirit of Volunteerism Celebration on May 14; details are on VMS. Angelette said that anyone interested in working with youth should attend required Working with Youth training on June 22. Angelette reported that the just-completed class for Toastmasters was "small but mighty." Susan Doran, who attended the class, highly recommended Toastmasters and encouraged others to consider attending meetings.

Volunteer appreciation gifts were given to those in attendance, and other MGs were reminded to come by the office to pick up their gift. Local agriculture products (baking mixes from Byrd Mill, established in 1740 and currently operating in Ashland, VA) were given this year. Volunteers chose from an assortment of mixes. Extra mixes for those not in attendance will be available in the office until May 20, 2019, then returned to stock, as they are perishable.

Laura reported that, although she has received some 2019 project proposals, she still needs many others and reminded project leaders to update and submit their project proposals. She stated the project proposal for the native plant garden at the Parks and Recreation building would need more volunteer interest before she could approve it.

Doris Gullotta, Scotchtown, reported many good reviews from the garden project there. She has scheduled a planting day for Wednesday, May 8. The Scotchtown Textile Event is on Saturday, June 8. Details and sign-up are on VMS.

Pat Reyes, Treasurer, reported a profit of \$3,463.70 from the plant sale on April 27. This was \$400 less than last year, probably due to fewer vendors and a multitude of competing events around the area.

Pattie 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. Members were reminded to pay their dues. Members can pay dues to Pat Reyes or Betty Jane Hughes by cash, check, or credit card. MGs can go to <http://hanovermastergardeners.org/> to pay dues online. Pattie stated the next member-led meeting will be held on June 6.

Door prizes were awarded by Betty Jane Hughes, and there were free plants for the members.

The May HMGA General Membership Meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bryant
Secretary