

Hanover Master Gardener Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Hanover Evangelical Friends Church
May 20, 2019

Minutes

Ginny Nicholas, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m., and confirmed a quorum.

The reading of the minutes of the April 15, 2019, BOD meeting and the May 6, 2019, General Membership meeting was waived. The minutes were approved as previously distributed.

Pat Reyes, Treasurer, presented the financial report through April 30, 2019. The report was accepted, pending financial review. The financial report will be attached to the file copy of the minutes.

Laura Maxey-Nay did not attend the meeting. Angelette Pryor, Volunteer Coordinator, relayed her request for project leaders to submit 2019 Project Proposals as soon as possible. Those still outstanding include Grants, HGS, Home Visits/Smart Landscapes, State Fair, Solitary Bees, The Crossings, MWEE, and Roots and Shoots. Doris Gullotta volunteered to work on the State Fair Project Proposal and Betty Jane Hughes volunteered to review it. Pat Reyes also volunteered to help with the State Fair Project. Members suggested Rhonda Searles, Paula Willoughby, and Wanda Atkinson as possible leaders for the Roots and Shoots program. Ed Wall has stated he would continue to lead HGS from behind the scenes but will need others to be on site for the programs. September Sickinger has volunteered to help with HGS in Mechanicsville, but another person will be needed in Ashland. Applicants for the Hanover Unit Support position will be interviewed soon. Angelette announced that Rita Schalk, Unit Coordinator, is retiring on June 30. Laura will be taking over the duties of Unit Coordinator. A staff support intern is working full time in the office. Lisa Willis stated that Laura was looking into purchasing new tablecloths for the MGs and asked if any progress had been made. Angelette said she would check and report back. Angelette stated that the HMGs provided several centerpieces, created by Judy Durant and Beckey Watson, for the tables at the Hanover Spirit of Volunteerism Celebration. Although MGs did not win any awards, they were well-represented at the celebration. Angelette stated that she had some new date options for the MG trip to The Quarry Gardens in Schuyler, Virginia. The options include any Saturday in June (except the 15th), and the first and second Saturdays in July. Most weekdays are also available but could limit participation for some MGs. She stated that the gardens close August 17. After discussions, the BOD agreed on June 29. Angelette will follow up.

Ginny, HMGA Meetings, reported that Bobby Naglic will speak on growing herbs and their benefits at the June 6 member-led meeting. Ed Wall will speak about propagation at the July 11 member-led meeting. Buz Sawyer will speak about water gardens at the August 8 member-led meeting. The September General Membership meeting will be held at Montpelier Parks and Recreation and will feature Dominic Carpin, who will discuss sustainable organic gardening and offer a tour of the delli Carpini Farm nearby. Kathleen Wellington, from Green Springs MG Group, will speak on "Therapeutic Gardening" at the December 2 General Membership meeting. Betty Jane stated that she had attended all the trainee presentations for the last two years. She recommended several presentations be presented at member-led meetings, including those by Annette Schantz – "Keeping a Garden Journal," Pat Bruker – "Gardening With Children With Disabilities," Jane White – "Worms," Richard Wood – "Bat Houses," Brenda Ham – "Ferns," Victoria Shipp – "Geranium Seeds," and Carol Koger – "Cuttings."

Linda Hazelwood, Advanced MG/Land Care Steward, reported that she and Emily Gianfortoni made one home visit on April 29. They made several recommendations to the homeowner. The BOD discussed having Home Visit applications included in the Plant Clinic boxes but need to set some parameters first. The BOD also discussed having the Home Visit reports included on the website where other MGs could review them. Betty Jane will work on putting the reports on the website.

Betty Jane Hughes, Communications, stated that while she is on vacation, Doris Gullotta will be doing the weekly updates. Beckey Watson will be handling the website while BJ is away. Betty Jane recommended that the newsletter be brought back to keep MGs informed and advise them of additions to the website. The response from the BOD was positive. Betty Jane advised that a new trifold on herbs is available in the shed.

Buz Sawyer, Plant Clinic, stated that lots of MGs and interns are signing up for PCs. Buz stated that he had a conversation with Ed Olson, ANR-Henrico. Henrico is hosting a “Bug Bizarre” on September 14, 2019, from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Deep Run Recreation Center. Hanover MGs will have a support role (yet to be defined) in this event. This will be the same weekend as the LGBG plant sale where Henrico MGs normally have a PC and a booth. Hanover MGs have been asked to stand in for Henrico at the plant sale. More details about this PC are forthcoming. Laura has approved a PC for June 8, at the Montpelier Center for the Arts. Doris will put it on VMS and the weekly update. Lisa Willis suggested adding clipboards and bungies to the PC boxes. Buz also wanted to make everyone aware that Doug Tallamy will be speaking on “Restoring Nature’s Relationships” at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens on June 23, 2019, from 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Doris Gullotta, Scotchtown, reported that the vegetable garden at Scotchtown was planted during the last MG workday there. Doris will schedule a day for mulching the garden and additional workdays as needed.

Christy Brennan, VMGA Representative, forwarded her report to President Pattie Bland, who was absent with notice. Pattie forwarded Christy’s report to Ginny. Ginny stated the next VMGA meeting will be on Saturday, June 8, 2019, and hosted by the Goochland-Powhatan MG Association at the Grace Episcopal Church in Goochland. If enough MGs are interested, a special tour may be arranged at the Goochland campus of J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College. Angelette will put the meeting on VMS. Doris will include it in the weekly announcements.

Ginny reminded the Board that the next BOD meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2019, at the HEFC. The May meeting of the HMGA Board of Directors was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Present: Ginny Nicholas, Pat Reyes, Wayne Bryant, Doris Gullotta, Linda Hazelwood, Buz Sawyer, Betty Jane Hughes, Lisa Willis, Angelette Pryor, and Juanita Wrenn. The attendance sheet will be attached to the file copy of these minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

**Wayne Bryant
Secretary**