

**Hanover Master Gardener Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Hanover Evangelical Friends Church**  
**July 15, 2019**

**Minutes**

Pattie Bland, President, called the meeting to order at 6:26 p.m., and confirmed a quorum.

The reading of the minutes of the June 17, 2019, BOD meeting was waived. The minutes were approved as previously distributed.

Pat Reyes, Treasurer, presented the financial report through June 30, 2019. Pat reported an expense for the \$500 grant to the ARC of Hanover as previously approved. The report was accepted, pending financial review. The financial report will be attached to the file copy of the minutes.

Angelette Pryor, Volunteer Coordinator, reported that Jennifer Watson, a welcome addition, has been hired and has started in the position of Unit Support Staff. Angelette stated that the 50-Mile Meal will be held in two weeks and Pattie will represent the Hanover MGs. MG Anne Atkins will provide some of the flower arrangements for the event. The 50-Mile Meal, hosted by Hanover-Caroline SWCD and Hanover County Virginia Cooperative Extension, brings together our local farmer/producers and our Hanover Board of Supervisors to showcase local Farm-to-Table agriculture by sharing a delicious meal produced within a 50-mile radius. The Help Desk continues to be busy. She stated that volunteer opportunities for a PC and booth at the LGBG plant sale will soon be posted. This will be the same weekend as the “Bug Bizarre,” hosted by Henrico County. Angelette stated that a new “Brag Board” will be needed for MG College. Betty Jane will send out a request for pictures at MG events that might be included in the digital presentation. Emily volunteered to work on the presentation. Angelette said that the upgrade of the office computers is taking longer than anticipated, and the MG computer will be unavailable until the transfer of data is complete. Angelette reported that a meeting of the MG Course 2020 Focus Group met on July 12 to discuss the MG training for next year. There were 14 in attendance. Day classes will be offered in 2020 from January 7 through March 19, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. An additional volunteer coordinator is needed. The MG training classes for 2021 are scheduled to be held in the evenings and classes in future years will alternate between day and evening. The next meeting for the MG 2020 Focus Group will be scheduled in August. Angelette stated that although Chickahominy Falls, a 55+ Agri Community, has offered their facilities for the next training class, due to some unforeseen permitting problems, they have yet to formally commit. Lisa Willis and Val Kish are conducting a survey to strengthen support for MG interns and will present and discuss the results of the survey at the next BOD meeting. Angelette reported that the AgFest will be held on August 28 at VSU Randolph Farm. The cost is \$10 per person.

Emily Gianfortoni/Linda Hazelwood, Advanced MG/Land Care Stewards, reported that they performed one home visit last week for a 105-year-old home on Center Street in Ashland where the yard was very overgrown. They have now made a total of 4 home visits and 1 visit to a school. They would like to pause, extend an invitation to include additional MGs, and meet to review the project.

Betty Jane Hughes, Communications, has added new information and a presentation on “Creating a Garden Journal,” by Annette Schanz, to the HMGA website and will advise the MGs by email.

Ginny Nicholas, HMGA Meetings, reported that there was a very good turnout for the talk by Ed Wall on propagation at the July 11 member-led meeting. She stated that Barb and Buz Sawyer will speak on "Building and Maintaining Ponds/Water Gardens" at the August 8 member-led meeting. (Juanita said someone needed to be there before 6:00 p.m., as she will not be available.) The September General Membership/Picnic Meeting will be held at the Montpelier Parks and Recreation facility and will feature Dominic Carpin, who will discuss sustainable organic gardening and offer a tour of the delli Carpini Farm nearby. Lisa Willis asked if the Board planned to provide barbeque for this meeting as it did last year. The Board was in favor and Lisa volunteered to "make it happen." Beckey Watson will speak about "Birds in the Garden" at the Ashland Library on October 7. Richard Wood and Jane White will discuss "Garden Helpers in the Air and Underground - Bats and Worms" at the November 4 member-led meeting. Kathleen Wellington, from Green Springs MG Group, will speak on "Therapeutic Gardening" at the December 2 General Membership meeting. Ginny reported that she had been trying to contact Virginia Meisner, the project partner in charge of a Project Proposal for Stonewall Jackson M.S., submitted by Rita Schalk, without success. She has informed Beckey Watson, Grants, of the problem.

Christy Brennan, State Fair/VMGA, was unavailable. Pattie is still working on the details with the DEQ for the Master Gardener booth to become an educational station on the trail that is being developed. Pattie stated that Christy will continue to lean on other MG Units for State Fair volunteer positions. Pattie discussed obtaining plants and refurbishing the garden plot at the State Fair. She will check with Colesville Nursery and Sneed's Nursery about borrowing or buying native plants for the plot and possibly using purchased plants for the office garden. Christy said that the VMGA is offering an \$800 scholarship to MG College this year, and applications should be submitted soon. Pattie moved that the HMGA provide a \$500 sponsorship donation to support the MG College as we have in past years. The motion was discussed, seconded by Ginny Nicholas, and approved by the BOD. Pattie suggested adding the donation to the budget in future years. Pattie recommended that the HMGA host the February 8, 2020, VMGA at the HEFC. Juanita Wrenn said that the date must be submitted to the HEFC but does not expect any problems. Pattie stated that the HGS chair position is still open. She said that Ed Wall reported that the Ashland Library has committed to the dates for the HGS classes at that location. He is checking with the Mechanicsville Library and with the HEFC for a location on additional dates.

Doris Gullotta, Scotchtown, reported that she has scheduled a sixth MG workday for Wednesday, July 17. Angelette reported the Scotchtown booth (located behind the MG booth at the Tomato Festival) received lots of interest and visitors. Angelette stated there seemed to be fewer visitors overall to the MG booth this year, although traffic was steady. She did have three inquiries about MG classes.

Pattie reminded the Board that the next BOD meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2019, at the home of Pat Reyes. The BOD decided to include a pot-luck dinner with the meeting. The July meeting of the HMGA Board of Directors was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

**Present:** Pattie Bland, Ginny Nicholas, Pat Reyes, Wayne Bryant, Doris Gullotta, Linda Hazelwood, Emily Gianfortoni, Betty Jane Hughes, Lisa Willis, Angelette Pryor, Juanita Wrenn, Val Kish, and Jane White. The attendance sheet will be attached to the file copy of these minutes.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Wayne Bryant  
Secretary**