

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

**Minutes**

Ginny Nicholas, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m., and confirmed a quorum.

The reading of the minutes of the September 16, 2019, BOD meeting and the October 21, 2019, BOD meeting was waived. The minutes were approved as previously distributed.

Pat Reyes, Treasurer, presented the financial report through October 31, 2019. The financial report was approved pending review and will be attached to the file copy of the minutes.

Laura Maxey-Nay, ANR/VCE, reported that Missy Johnson has been hired to fill the Support Staff position and will start on November 25. Laura is reviewing applications for the two 4-H positions. The Open House for the 2020 Hanover MG training classes, held on October 24, 2019, at Woodside Farm was a success. Twelve people have applied for MG training, and eight checks have been received. Day classes will run from January 7 through March 19, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Laura requested that all committee and project leaders please submit your annual reports.

Ginny Nicholas read the thank you email (attached) from Joanne Einsmann for the purchase and planting of a tree at Unity Christ Church of Bon Air in the memory of MG Ayer Chamberlin. The Board discussed meeting times and locations for 2020, hoping to improve attendance by moving some meetings to daylight hours, especially in the winter. Juanita will submit dates and times to the HEFC and does not expect any problems. The HEFC BOD will meet in January to approve the dates requested by the HMGA. Ginny asked the Board if it would consider paying the registration fees for three MGs to attend District Leadership Training on December 12. The request was approved without a vote. Ginny requested approval for funding for nameplates to identify the native plants in the new beds at the Extension office and for some stone blocks for edging. The Board approved the request. Betty Jane said she may have some blocks left over from a project that she could donate.

Doris Gullotta, Nominating Committee (including Linda Hazelwood, Betty Jane Hughes, and Christy Brennan), presented a slate of candidates for the BOD. Doris stated that the slate of officers will remain unchanged (Pattie Bland, President; Ginny Nicholas, Vice President; Pat Reyes, Treasurer; Wayne Bryant, Secretary). In addition to the officers, the Nominating Committee is recommending the following MGs to serve as voting members of the BOD: Betty Jane Hughes, Christy Brennan, Linda Hazelwood, Lisa Willis, Bill Fleming, Jane White, and Julie Givler. The Board will also include the Immediate Past President, Doris Gullotta, as a voting ex-officio member. Laura Maxey-Nay, ANR, and Angelette Pryor will also serve on the Board as non-voting ex-officio members. Buz Sawyer moved to accept the slate of candidates as presented for the HMGA Board of directors for 2020. Emily Gianfortoni seconded the motion and it was approved by the Board. This information will be sent to the HMGA membership and elections will be held at the General Membership meeting on December 2.

Ginny Nicholas, HMGA Meetings, reported that the presentations by Richard Wood and Jane White “Garden Helpers in the Air and Underground - Bats and Worms” at the November 4, 2019, member-led meeting was very well-received. Ginny stated she would welcome suggestions and ideas for topics and speakers for next year. Lisa Willis and Pat Reyes offered some suggestions. Kathleen Wellington, from Green Springs MG Group, will speak on “Healing Gardens and Support in Therapeutic Gardening” at the December 2, 2019, General Membership meeting. Emily Gianfortoni will speak on “Three Major Plant Diseases” at the January 6 member-led meeting. Judy Thomas will speak on “Botanical Art – Plants of the James River Project” at the February 3 General Membership meeting. A March project fair meeting is being planned by the training class committee and the date will be decided/confirmed at the December 6 committee meeting. Meeting dates for 2020 are still tentative.

Emily Gianfortoni/Linda Hazelwood, Advanced Land Care Steward, reported that there were no recent home visits. Emily stated that she has not received a reply to an email sent to Pole Green Elementary School requesting clarification on what they are looking for and how HMGs can help with a possible visit. Emily stated that she needs to schedule another project meeting. She said the Help Desk is slow.

Betty Jane Hughes, Communications, reported that she is working with Ed Wall to post the HGS schedule on VMS. She has posted the training class and volunteer information on VMS.

Christy Brennan/Pattie Bland, State Fair, reported on some of the obstacles and challenges faced at the State Fair this year. She reported 3,091 contacts from the State Fair, down from previous years. Betty Jane is working to compile the volunteer hours, but the contact list for the Green Springs Unit is still missing. Christy stated the next VMGA bi-monthly meeting will be held on December 14 and hosted by The Northern Shenandoah Master Gardener Association in Front Royal, Virginia. Christy reminded the BOD that HMGA will host the February 8, 2020, VMGA meeting.

Buz Sawyer, Plant Clinics, reported that he is working on the numbers for the annual report.

Doris Gullotta, Scotchtown, reported a good turnout for the eighth workday on November 6. She was able to purchase plants from Colesville Nursery at wholesale. Doris stated that she will schedule one more day next month for clean-up and to spread pine tags for mulching. She will also explore building some compost bins.

Ginny reminded the Board that the next General Membership meeting will be held on December 2, 2019, and the next BOD meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2019, both at the HEFC. The November meeting of the HMGA Board of Directors was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

**Present:** Ginny Nicholas, Pat Reyes, Wayne Bryant, Doris Gullotta, Linda Hazelwood, Buz Sawyer, Emily Gianfortoni, Betty Jane Hughes, Lisa Willis, Christy Brennan, Laura Maxey-Nay, Julie Givler, Bill Fleming, Jane White, Pat Holt, and Juanita Wrenn. The attendance sheet will be attached to the file copy of these minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bryant  
Secretary

