

Hanover Master Gardener Association
General Membership Meeting
Hanover Evangelical Friends Church
December 2, 2019

Minutes

President Pattie Bland welcomed the members and guests. She stated that the presentation by our guest speaker, Kathleen Wellington, and a business meeting would follow the meal. She invited everyone to enjoy their dinner. Angelette Pryor, Volunteer Coordinator, introduced and welcomed Missy Johnson, who has been hired to fill the Support Staff position and started on November 25.

Ginny Nicholas, VP, introduced our guest speaker, Kathleen Wellington, from Green Springs MG Group. Her presentation on “Healing Gardens – Gardening for Health and Serenity” was informative.

Angelette Pryor, Volunteer Coordinator, recognized and awarded certificates to the new MGs who have fulfilled the volunteer hours to complete their internships. The new Master Gardeners (who were in attendance) were: Mike Little, Elaine Daniel, Brenda Ham, Dianne Hentzen, and Marty Moore. Angelette also recognized and Annette Schanz (not in attendance) for completing her internship.

Angelette recognized and awarded a certificate and a milestone service pin to Judy Durant for 2,000 volunteer hours. Angelette also recognized the following MGs, who were not in attendance: Nancy Reinardy for 500 hours, and Patricia Skjei and Kristy Gahn for 250 hours each.

Angelette and Pattie presented an overview of the projects and accomplishments of the Hanover MGs for 2019 (through the end of November). They discussed that there had been more volunteer hours reported but fewer contacts than last year. Angelette stated there should be plenty of opportunities for 2020, including opportunities to support the assorted celebrations in recognition of the 300th anniversary of the forming of Hanover County. New plant clinics, at new times and locations are also being planned. Angelette announced that the Extension office will gain additional space in the Parks and Recreation Building next year. Angelette said that eleven people have been accepted for 2020 MG training. Day classes will run from January 7 through March 19, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Woodside Farm. Volunteer and CE opportunities have been posted on VMS.

Ed Wall, HGS, distributed and discussed the Home Gardening Series Winter 2020 schedule. He stated that there will be 11 classes, of which 5 will be new. Kristy Gahn will oversee the classes at the Mechanicsville Library. Susie Knuth and Catherine Thomas will oversee the classes at the Ashland and Atlee Libraries. Volunteer and CE opportunities have been posted on VMS.

Doris Gullotta, Nominating Committee (which included Linda Hazelwood, Betty Jane Hughes, and Christy Brennan), presented a slate of candidates for the Board of Directors. 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. Doris asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor or discussion about the slate as presented by the Nominating Committee. Having no additional nominees or discussion concerning the slate, Doris asked for a motion to accept the slate as presented. Beckey Watson moved to accept the slate of candidates, as presented for the HMGA Board of Directors for 2020. Brenda Ham seconded the motion and it was approved by the members of the HMGA.

Pattie announced dues (\$10) for year 2020 could be paid and to see Pat Reyes or Betty Jane Hughes. Pattie stated that the HMGA will host the February 8, 2020, VMGA meeting and invited HMGs to join the VMGA for only \$12 per year. Pattie stated that 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. Meeting dates for 2020 are still tentative.

Betty Jane Hughes awarded door prizes and thanked Beckey Watson for the table decorations.

The December HMGA General Membership Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

**Wayne Bryant
Secretary**