

**Hanover Master Gardener Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Hanover Evangelical Friends Church**  
**January 20, 2020**

**Minutes**

Pattie Bland, President, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., and confirmed a quorum.

The reading of the minutes of the December 16, 2019, Board of Directors meeting was waived. The minutes were approved as previously distributed.

Pat Reyes, Treasurer, presented the financial report through December 31, 2019. The financial report was approved, pending review, and will be attached to the file copy of the minutes. Pat presented a proposed budget for 2020. The Board discussed several items in the proposed budget, including increasing income from donations through the United Way, continuation of the Hugh Rooney Grant, and a donation to replace trees lost in the Australian fires.

Angelette Pryor, Volunteer Coordinator, reported that the MG training classes are going fabulously. She said that there is enough interest in a Project Fair that it has been included on the calendar for March 19, from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. This is the last day of the 2020 MG training class. Angelette stated that she may, at a future meeting, present a request for funds to cover food costs for the Project Fair. Angelette requested and received approval for reimbursement for MG training class materials. Angelette stated the office has been very busy with annual reports. She stated that Parks and Recreation may be out of the office building before August. Angelette stated the 4-H Program Assistant position offer has been made and accepted with a projected start by the second week in February. She said that for 2019 the Hanover MGs reported 9,310 hours, and the Hanover 4-H volunteers reported 10,560 hours (including 3,000 by teenagers) valued at \$26.75/hour for a total of \$534,866.25. Angelette asked the Board to think about a date for a trip to an orchid farm in Gordonsville. She reported a possible volunteer for the Plant Clinic Lead position.

Pattie Bland, President, suggested that the 1:00 p.m. meeting time be made permanent. The Board discussed various times and decided to change the meeting time to 10:00 a.m. for February and March. The Board will revisit the question at a future meeting. Pattie inquired about the status of the Herbs Galore entry fee. Pat stated that she would write a check for the fee and give it to Angelette. Angelette will complete the application and submit it with the entry fee.

Ginny Nicholas, HMGA Meetings, reported that Judy Thomas will speak on "Botanical Art – Plants of the James River Project" at the February 3 General Membership meeting. Dave Myers will speak March 2 on "Roses and Their Care" at the member-led meeting. Cynthia Micklem will make a presentation on "The Socrates Project – Poisonous Plants in Virginia" at the May 4 General Membership meeting.

Betty Jane Hughes, Communications, reported that she and Angelette had sent notices to all inactive MGs inviting them to stay connected by becoming "Friends of HMGs." Betty Jane stated that they had received only one response.

Ed Wall, HGS, was not in attendance and Angelette reported classes are underway. She also reported that the schedule published in the local paper is not correct and has caused some difficulties.

Val Kish, Help Desk, reported that there will be a 2020 Help Desk Planning meeting on Friday.

Pat Reyes, Plant Sale, discussed a date for a “potting party” to receive and plant donations for the April 18 plant sale. The “potting party” will be at Pat’s house on March 21.

Christy Brennan, VMGA, reminded the Board that the next VMGA bi-monthly meeting will be hosted by the HMGA on February 8 at the HEFC. She is planning for 50 attendees. Box lunches will be provided by Publix at \$8.50 per person (see Christy to order). Beckey Watson will make the table decorations. Christy will speak on “Growing and Handling Produce Safely.” VMGA is trying to include a speaker/education component at every meeting. VMGA is looking for volunteers to serve on the Finance Committee and on the Education Committee. Christy stated that most committee meetings are held through emails, and that she should be contacted if anyone is interested in serving. She encouraged all MGs to join (dues are \$12/year). Christy discussed a VMGA-planned “Farm Festival” for May 2-3. This new event will be set up as a plant clinic the first year. The HMGA can participate by using the same materials used at the State Fair. Christy wants to invite surrounding counties to participate. It will be a good volunteer opportunity for interns and MGs.

Doris Gullotta, Scotchtown, stated that two people from Preservation Virginia expressed thanks to us for all the work the Hanover Master Gardeners have done in the gardens at Scotchtown. Doris wants to make a more visible impression at the Preservation Virginia stakeholders meeting this year. Doris also reminded everyone to contact her if interested in ordering HMGA t-shirts.

Pattie reminded the Board that the General Membership meeting is scheduled for February 3, at the HEFC. The next Board of Directors meeting will be on February 17. The January 20, 2020, meeting of the HMGA Board of Directors was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bryant  
Secretary