

Hanover Master Gardener Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Via Zoom
August 16, 2021

Minutes

Pattie Bland, President, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m., and confirmed a quorum.

The reading of the minutes of the July 19, 2021, Board of Directors meeting was waived. The minutes were approved as previously distributed.

Pat Reyes, Treasurer, provided the financial report through June 2021 that was presented by Pattie. The report stated a balance in checking of \$7,158.98 and a CD balance of \$16,600.05. The report was accepted pending review.

Angelette Pryor, Volunteer Coordinator, stated that Hanover County is listed as an area of “substantial or high transmission” risk for COVID-19. Masks are required in all indoor public spaces. She stated that the new computers, approved for purchase at the last BOD meeting, are scheduled to be shipped. She said that the Oak Springs trip/tour is still on. Angelette reported that Betty Jane Hughes is listing the Montpelier Plant Clinic (starting August 24), the Plant Clinic for the Hanover 300th Birthday Celebration, and the State Fair opportunities on Better Impact. The theme for the State Fair this year will be “Decomposers.” Sara Hallam started on putting some things together for the Fair. Information that will be provided at the Fair will also need to be available in a QR code that can be scanned by smartphones. Angelette reported that the interns are completing their hours. She said that three MGs have applied for HMGA scholarships for the International MG College. Angelette requested that MGs enter hours in BI in a timely fashion. Angelette said she has been working on shifting how some activities are reported in BI. She discussed with the Board ways to expose interns to more volunteer activities, including making some hours in some activities mandatory. Lisa Willis and Pat Holt recommended listing each activity and including each different job available with that activity. Val Kish recommended listing when (dates, weeks, or months) each activity is available. Angelette thanked the Board for being so flexible about changing the meeting to Zoom.

Annette Schanz, VP/Meetings, reported that the fall General Membership meeting and picnic will be held on Sunday, September 19, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. A tour and a presentation on oak trees will be given by Brenda Burke and Katherine Hebert on Brenda Burke's property in Old Church. She is working to recruit speakers for upcoming meetings.

Carol Brown, Speakers Bureau, reported that she has received a request for a speaker on “Native Plants” from the Foxwood Garden Club for November. She is working on the details and finding a speaker.

Pattie Bland reported that Richard Wood, Youth Activities, has stepped aside and a volunteer is needed to lead this Activity. HMGA will participate in the “Bug Bizarre” which will be held on October 9.

Pattie reported that Pat Holt has taken the lead to ensure that the HMGA works to become compliant with the Plastics Reduction Initiative (see attached). She is exploring options for the HMGA. For the present, the HMGA can use the plastic products already purchased but should refrain from purchasing additional plastic products.

Pattie reported that Katrina Hart has taken the lead for the HGS fall and winter program. Katrina stated that she would like to have one presentation per month for October, November, and December. She would like to schedule two per month for January through April. She has a list of presenters that she will work from but needs presenters for “Preparing the Garden for Fall and Winter” and for “Cold Frames.” She has contacted the libraries and would like to have the presentations available in person and virtually.

Lisa Willis previously discussed increasing the Plant Clinics at Lowe’s from two to four, but has not had enough volunteers to sign up. She and Angelette will discuss this later. Lisa also suggested a live-streaming webcam be installed for the garden at the office.

Julie Givler asked the BOD if she could approach the Editor of the Hanover local paper about providing a gardening column on a regular basis. Since each column would have to be approved by Laura Maxey-Nay, the Board recommended that Julie check with Laura.

Additional reports presented to Pattie and distributed to the Board prior to this meeting are appended below.

The Board was reminded that the next BOD meeting will be on September 20, 2021. The August 16, 2021, meeting of the HMGA Board of Directors was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Present: Pattie Bland, Annette Schanz, Wayne Bryant, Linda Hazelwood, Betty Jane Hughes, Julie Givler, Lisa Willis, Jane White, Doris Gullotta, Angelette Pryor, Val Kish, Carol Brown, Katrina Hart, Kate Sandy, and Pat Holt. The attendance sheet will be attached to the file copy of these minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bryant
Secretary



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Initiative.pdf