

Hanover Master Gardener Association
General Membership Meeting
Hanover County Extension Office
December 14, 2021

Minutes

President Pattie Bland welcomed the members and guests attending in person and via zoom. She stated that the presentation by our guest speaker, Karen Fetty, and a business meeting would start soon. She invited everyone to fill a plate at the buffet before the presentation and said that there would also be time to do so before the business meeting.

Annette Schanz, Vice President, introduced and welcomed Karen Fetty, Education Specialist, Hanover-Caroline Soil and Water Conservation District. Her presentation and demonstration on making and using rain barrels, pet waste digesters, and vermicomposting bins was very informative.

Angelette Pryor, Volunteer Manager, said that eleven people have been accepted for 2022 MG training. The trainees will be Bill Drumheller, Susan Higgins, Cathy Nault, Irene Ramsey, Nancy Sullivan, Ellen Thompson, Joe Thompson, Henrisa Tosoc-Haskell, Joan VanDevort, Tyler Wallace, and Anne White. Dian McConnel, MG transfer from Michigan, will also be auditing the training classes. Classes will run from January 11 through March 24, at Covenant Woods. Volunteer and CE opportunities have been posted on VMS.

Angelette recognized Corinna Muldowney the newest (December 4) MG, having fulfilled the volunteer hours to complete her internship.

Angelette recognized the following service milestone recipients: Victoria Shipp, 250 hours; Jane Copland, 500 hours; Sylvia Campbell, 250 hours; Paula Willoughby, 500 hours; Sandy Pence, 500 hours; Jane White, 250 hours; Belinda Flournoy, 250 hours.

Doris Gullotta, Nominating Committee (which included Pattie Bland), presented a slate of candidates for the Board of Directors. Doris stated that the slate of officers (Eleanor Fukushima, Vice President; Pat Reyes, Treasurer; Wayne Bryant, Secretary) offered does not include a president. In addition to the officers, the Nominating Committee is recommending the following MGs to serve as voting members of the BOD: Betty Jane Hughes, Kate Sandy, Linda Hazelwood, Lisa Willis, Jane White, Birdie Porter, Sammye Daou, and Bob Durbin. Doris stated that there is a contingency plan in place for the president's position. Pattie will continue to serve in January, and Doris has volunteered to cover the position in February. The committee will continue to seek a volunteer for the position. Doris thanked President Pattie Bland, VP Annette Schanz, and Board members Christy Brennan and Julie Givler who have served and are stepping down in 2022. Doris and Pattie read the biographies for each candidate. Since there were no positions in contention, Pattie asked for a motion to accept the proposed slate of candidates by acclamation. The motion was made and seconded. Pattie declared the candidates elected. Laura Maxey-Nay, ANR, and Angelette Pryor, Volunteer Manager, will also serve on the Board as non-voting ex-officio members. The Board of Directors also includes the Immediate Past President as a voting ex-officio member.

Pattie announced that she has not completed the Hanover MG annual report but would present it at the January meeting. She said dues (\$10) for year 2022 could be paid at the meeting, and to see Pat Reyes.

There was a drawing for the rain barrel, pet waste digester, and vermicomposting bin assembled during the presentation by Karen Fetty.

The December HMGA General Membership Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m. and MGs were invited to continue to socialize.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bryant
Secretary