Hanover Master Gardener Association

Board of Directors Meeting Extension Office & Zoom November 15, 2021

Minutes

Pattie Bland, President, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m., and confirmed a quorum.

The reading of the minutes of the October 18, 2021, Board of Directors meeting was waived. The minutes were approved as previously distributed.

Pat Reyes, Treasurer, provided the financial report through October. The report stated a balance in checking of \$2,918.86 and a CD balance of \$16,600.89. The report was accepted, pending review.

Angelette Pryor, Volunteer Manager, started full time in her new position on November 10. Planned asbestos abatement will cause staff to work remotely; no update on timing is available. 4H Online is still closed for MGs that work with youth. Transition to the Background Check system has not gone well. Angelette will inform MGs when to update their 4H profiles. Angelette stated that many Activity Coordinator position openings need to be filled. Activities need to be critically evaluated to determine if we have too many, need to make changes/updates, change locations, and/or try something new and different. Several inquiries were received from other MG units about borrowing the HMGA composting demos. Becky Ross (Intern) will coordinate the loaning of the equipment. She is working on a loaner agreement. Angelette stated that eleven applicants for MG training signed up and had their background checks through Better Impact, and all went well.

Pattie Bland requested that all Activity Leaders submit their year-end reports to her so that she can prepare the Annual Report for presentation at the General Membership meeting in December. Pattie presented an MG pre-survey list of questions to the Board. The Board approved the five pre-survey questions (attached), which will be sent to all MGs.

Doris Gullotta, Nominating Committee, reported that more participation is needed by the MGs. Only Pattie volunteered to serve with Doris on the Nominating Committee. The Committee proposed a slate of officers for 2022 (attached) that lacked a nominee for President. Additional Voting Board Member nominees increased from six to eight. 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.

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

Annette Schanz, VP/Meetings, stated that there will be an HMGA meeting on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. Karen Fetty, Education Specialist - Hanover-Caroline Soil and Water Conservation District, will discuss "Creating Rain Gardens" and answer questions. The HMGA General Membership meeting will be on Monday, December 13, 2021, via Zoom starting at 6:30 p.m. Our guest presenter will be Karen Fetty, Education Specialist - Hanover-Caroline Soil and Water Conservation District. She will hold a "make your own" workshop for rain barrels and vermicomposting bins. Each barrel or bin takes about 15 minutes to assemble. The demonstration will include a short presentation on how each practice protects and preserves soil and water resources.

Pattie stated that there will not be a BOD meeting in December. The next BOD meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2022. The November 15, 2021, meeting of the HMGA Board of Directors was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bryant Secretary



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