

Hanover Master Gardener Association
Zoom Meeting
January 13, 2022, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Minutes

Pattie Bland, President, welcomed the Master Gardeners to the first meeting of 2022. She introduced Eleanor Fukushima, newly elected Vice President, to the Master Gardeners. Eleanor thanked Pattie and stated she was looking forward to being a part of the Board of Directors. In addition to Eleanor, Pattie welcomed Kate Sandy, Birdie Porter, Sammye Daou, and Bob Durbin who were also newly elected to the Board. Doris Gullotta, Nominating Committee, 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. Pattie then presented the HMGA Annual Report and thanked the MGs who participated in the projects and activities that allowed our group to achieve such a high level of results under such changing and challenging conditions. The complete report will be available on the HMGA website.

All Master Gardeners and interns were asked to evaluate their 2021 participation by responding to a pre-survey sent out through Better Impact. Based on responses to the pre-survey, Pattie stated that the Hanover Master Gardener Association is developing an in-depth survey for Master Gardeners and interns to take stock of the Master Gardener program in early 2022. The goal is to determine the level of satisfaction with such aspects as volunteer opportunities, continuing education, institutional procedures, and more. All responses are anonymous.

Doris Gullotta reminded everyone that project proposals are to be reviewed, updated, and submitted to Laura Maxey-Nay in January.

Angelette Pryor, Volunteer Manager, stated that Training classes have started. She thanked Jane White and Kate Sandy for the excellent job they have done preparing the 2022 training classes and adapting to Covid-19 related changes to the classes. The winter Home Gardening Series program has started and Angelette stated that those interested in attending a HGS presentation in person must register in advance at the library. Some presentations are at the Atlee Library, and some are at the Mechanicsville Library. Presentations are also available via Zoom. Advance sign-up on BI is required. Angelette stated that closure of the VCE offices for asbestos abatement has been delayed until at least July. She also hinted that "good things are coming from Virginia Tech on how MGs do things." Angelette reminded all MGs to check their status on BI and to update required statements.

The next BOD meeting has been rescheduled for January 24, 2022. Pattie stated that all MGs are welcome at any BOD meeting.

Present: There were 34 people signed into the meeting. The attendance sheet will be attached to the file copy of these minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bryant
Secretary