Hanover Master Gardener Association

General Membership Meeting
Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church
March 17, 2022
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Minutes

Eleanor Fukushima, Vice President, welcomed the members and guests attending in person and via zoom. She stated that the presentation by our guest speaker, Scott Burrell, would start soon. She invited everyone to fill a plate at the buffet before the presentation.

Eleanor introduced and welcomed Scott Burrell and thanked him for his long support and association with Hanover Master Gardeners. His presentation on conifers was very informative. He presented several rooted cuttings that were awarded to MGs as door prizes.

Doris thanked Scott for his presentation and called the business meeting to order. She introduced Pat Holt, Plastics Reduction Committee chair, who discussed the efforts of the HMGA to comply with Executive Order 77.

Doris stated that Emily Gianfortoni, Home Visits, will restart the Home Visit Program this spring. Contact Emily if you would like to participate.

Doris stated that the vendor for Hanover MG shirts has increased the minimum order from 12 to 48. She and Jane White are in the process of sourcing another vendor.

Doris said HMGA dues (\$10) for year 2022 could be paid at the meeting, and to see Treasurer Pat Reyes. She said to consider joining the Virginia Master Gardener Association; dues are \$12 and details are available on their website.

Betty Jane Hughes, Communications, asked MGs to please read the weekly HMGA event email. More volunteer opportunities are being added almost daily. Doris reminded MGs to go to Better Impact to sign up for 2022 projects. Lisa Willis asked MGs and interns to sign up for the Lowes Plant Clinics. Buz Sawyer reminded MGs that volunteers are needed for the Seed Saver program being presented with Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens at the Atlee and Mechanicsville Libraries.

Ed Wall asked MGs to save all 3-1/2-inch square pots for use in growing tomatoes for future plant sales.

Angelette Pryor, Volunteer Manager, recognized and welcomed trainees Susan Higgins and Anne Margaret White (who were in attendance), as well as Ellen and Joe Thompson, who had already left.

Jane White, MG Training, stated that there were only three more classroom training sessions to finish the 2022 MG Training. She said that trainees have now completed the core classes and are able to volunteer on activities, but need MGs to work with. She reminded MGs to sign up for activities on BI.

Doris thanked Beckey Watson for the table decorations and invited members to take them home.

Doris reminded the MGs of the March 19 HGS class on Dyes/ Indigo by Becky Blake at the Mechanicsville Library.

The Pre-Plant Sale Potting Party will be on Saturday, March 26, at the home of Pat Reyes.

On March 30, a continuing education opportunity will be available for all MGs and interns to be trained on "Working with Youth" at the VCE office.

The next HMGA meeting will be the Board of Directors meeting at 10:00 a.m. on March 21, at the VCE office and via Zoom.

The March HMGA General Membership Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bryant Secretary