

Hanover Master Gardener Association
General Membership Meeting
Montpelier Park and Community Center
September 11, 2022
12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Minutes

Pattie Bland, acting President, welcomed the members and guests. She asked everyone to observe a moment of silence in honor of those that lost their lives on this anniversary of the attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001, and for the passing of Queen Elizabeth II of England. She stated that the presentation by our guest speaker, Shelly Barrick Parsons, would begin after lunch and a few announcements. She invited everyone to fill a plate at the buffet with what looked like (and was) some very good food.

Pattie announced that the HMG gleaners had a very good year, including the harvest of 6,640 pounds of watermelons (3.32 tons) for various food banks.

Eleanor Fukushima, VP/Meetings, asked if anyone needed a raffle ticket for the drawing of door prizes that would be held at the end of the meeting. She asked everyone who did not have a nametag to get one. She asked everyone to introduce themselves one at a time going around the room.

Angelette Pryor, Volunteer Manager, stated that this is the first time since 2019 that we have publicly recognized our new MGs from the 2020, 2021, and 2022 training classes. She recognized Joan VanDervort from the class of 2022, who had just completed her hours to become a Master Gardener and presented her with her MG certificate. Angelette also stated that Jamaal Willis had completed his hours and earned his MG certificate. Angelette said Anne Margaret White had completed her hours just in time to attend MG College. Angelette also recognized MG Carol Brown (Class of 2020) and MG Janet Bailey (Class of 2021), who attended the picnic. Angelette asked each MG to take an information card about the Spotted Lanternfly, to help identify and to educate themselves and the public about this invasive pest.

Bob Durbin, Horticultural Learning Center, reported that the Committee would meet tomorrow to review the plan and establish priorities for the first phase of the project. The groundbreaking ceremony for the project with the County Administrators is scheduled for October 13, and will also be discussed at the meeting. He asked that anyone with ideas or suggestions to please share them with the committee. Several Master Gardeners offered suggestions.

Christy Brennan, Virginia State Fair, discussed the theme for the Fair ("Composters"), the Virginia Master Gardener Association's sponsorship of an information booth, Hanover MG's part in hosting the booth, and the staffing by the various MG units. She stated that additional volunteer opportunities to staff the booth have been posted on Better Impact, and Hanover MG volunteers were needed.

Eleanor apologized to the speaker and the group for not being able to hold the event indoors due to unforeseen circumstances (lock combination would not work). She introduced and welcomed Shelly

Barrick Parsons, Executive Director for Capital Trees. Shelly is a leader and collaborator that cares deeply about the relationship between people and the environment. She believes green space provides a connection to our best selves, to one another, and to nature. Her presentation was very informative.

The next HMGA meeting will be the Board of Directors meeting at 10:00 a.m. on September 19, at the VCE.

Present: There were 30 members and guests in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

**Wayne Bryant
Secretary**