

**Hanover Master Gardener Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Extension Office & Zoom**  
**April 18, 2022**

**Minutes**

Doris Gullotta, Acting President, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m., and confirmed a quorum.

The reading of the minutes of the March 17, 2022, General Membership Meeting and the March 21, 2022, Board of Directors meeting was waived. The minutes of the March 17 meeting were approved as amended. The minutes of the March 21 meeting were approved as previously distributed.

Angelette Pryor, Volunteer Manager, stated that VCE had provided three new displays that were set up and available for MGs to see and use. Angelette stated that she would distribute volunteer appreciation gifts to all MG volunteers. She discussed the new volunteer contact report form. The Board suggested handing them out to customers at the Plant Sale as they pay. Angelette discussed the process to have a CE opportunity approved to count toward required hours. Angelette stated that an MG is needed to work with an intern who has volunteered for the Youth Activities position.

Eleanor Fukushima, VP/Meetings, stated that she has speakers scheduled through July. Details are available on Better Impact.

Linda Hazelwood, Land Care Steward, stated that the first home visit will be on Friday at Beaverdam Elementary School. Linda also discussed the Plant Sale. Set-up for the sale will be on Friday evening, April 22, and the sale is Saturday, April 23. Ed Hazelwood has built frames for the Plant Sale signs which will be set up in front of the church. She said that the plants at Pat Reyes' house are not looking good due to the late freeze. Sandy and Pat went to Sandy's Plants to purchase some flowering plants for the sale, but they didn't look good either. They will go back later in the week to see if they can find anything better. The compost is already bagged. Jane White stated that she has purchased two EZ Up tents, and Betty Jane Hughes has donated another, which will be available for the sale. Jane also led a group of MGs and Interns to cut and clean up bamboo which will be sold at the sale. Coffee, water, and snacks will be provided for the MG volunteers working at the sale.

Beckey Watson, Grants Committee, reported that Laura Haney was excited to receive a \$500 HMGA grant for their community garden needs. Her report is attached below. Eleanor reported that Katrina Hart has suggested that we encourage the Atlee Library to apply for a grant for some landscaping.

Val Kish, Help Desk, reported that five of the eleven MG interns, who are required to have at least four hours of Help Desk training, have signed up for or completed training.

Kate Sandy/Jane White, MG Training, discussed the luncheon at Covenant Woods for the trainees and guests to celebrate the completion of the classroom instruction portion of the training class. They asked Cathy Nault and Ann Margaret White to share their thoughts on the value of the event. Kate and Jane stated that they were not ready to submit an MG training class budget proposal at this time.

Christy Brennan, State Fair, was not available. Angelette reported that Christy, Nicky Maddams, and Ann Margaret White have been meeting behind the scenes. Angelette will send out a notice to all MGs on the schedule for the next State Fair planning meeting.

Doris Gullotta, Scotchtown, stated that three interns volunteered for the last workday on April 14. Her report is attached below.

Doris stated that more participation is needed from the BOD to preside over the HMGA meetings in the absence of an elected president. She said she will be calling on Board members to fill that role. She opened discussions on the benefits of HMGA membership. Cathy Nault volunteered to work with Doris on drafting a document to list those benefits.

Angelette discussed the Hanover Spirit of Volunteerism event on May 12 (details on BI). She has nominated the Gleaning Team for an award this year. She asked for volunteers to create centerpieces for some of the tables at the event (see details in the appended documents). Jane White and Kate Sandy volunteered to provide one.

Lisa Willis, Plant Clinics, stated that there is still not a committee chairperson. She said that there is a need for more demos to take to each Plant Clinic or speaking event. She has inventoried all the existing demos and found that there is a need for instructions for the set-up and operation of each. She asked for ideas for other demos and asked everyone to participate. Doris stated that she had done a “Mulch Volcano” demo which needed refinement. Lisa drafted Bob Durbin to work with Doris on the project. Additional reports and information distributed to the Board prior to this meeting are appended below.

The next BOD meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2022. The April 18, 2022, meeting of the HMGA Board of Directors was adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

**Present:** Doris Gullotta, Eleanor Fukushima, Wayne Bryant, Linda Hazelwood, Lisa Willis, Jane White, Kate Sandy, Bob Durbin, Angelette Pryor, Val Kish, Ann Margaret White, and Cathy Nault attended in person. Betty Jane Hughes, Birdie Porter, Sandy Pence, Becky Blake, and Carol Brown attended via Zoom. The attendance sheet will be attached to the file copy of these minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bryant  
Secretary



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Extension Office  
Garden report from CSpirit of Volunteerism



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