

Hanover Master Gardener Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Extension Office
August 15, 2022

Minutes

Sandy Pence, Facilitator, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m., and confirmed a quorum.

The reading of the minutes of the July 18, 2022, Board of Directors meeting was waived. The minutes were approved as previously distributed.

Pat Reyes, Treasurer, provided the financial report through July 31, 2022. The report stated a balance in checking of \$5,366.64 and a CD balance of \$16,603.32. The report was accepted, pending review.

Angelette Pryor, Volunteer Manager, stated that Bob Durbin's wife was suddenly hospitalized, and Laura Maxey-Nay was sick. Consequently, Bob and Laura would be unable to make their presentation to the BOD on the Memorandum of Agreement for the Horticulture Learning Center today. Angelette stated that Bob is working on water capture for the project. Pattie said that a steering committee is needed. Some discussions of the proposed activity ensued. Kate Sandy moved that the BOD approve the project "in concept." The motion was seconded by Eleanor Fukushima and approved.

Eleanor Fukushima, VP/Meetings, stated that a member-led meeting will be held on Thursday, August 18, at Duncan Memorial Church in Ashland. Jane Henderson, Senior Extension Agent FCS, and Crystal Tyler-Mackey, Extension Specialist Community Viability, are scheduled to discuss Leadership Roles, what is needed to improve participation of members/leaders, and Board Members best practices. Eleanor has scheduled the HMGA picnic and meeting for Sunday, September 11, at the Montpelier Park and Community Center. The speaker will be Sherry Barrick Parsons, Capital Trees Executive Director. The BOD decided not to provide barbeque at this meeting. Attendees should bring a dish to share and their own water bottle. Eleanor has scheduled a Trip and Tour to Chadwick & Son Orchids in Powhatan for September 29. A member-led meeting is scheduled for October 13 with speaker Andrew Pompei, Principal Planner for the Hanover Planning Department, at the Hanover Evangelical Friends Church. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2022, at the HEFC, where Mary Sketch, VA Soil Health Coalition Coordinator, will discuss "Soils." Eleanor stated that another meeting can be added to enable Bob Durbin to make his presentation on the HCL. Meeting details are available on BI.

Jane White and Kate Sandy, MG Training, came before the HMGA Board of Directors to present an "MG Training Course – Consideration of Annual Budget Line-Item" (attached) for 2023. They read and discussed the highlights of the request to the BOD. When asked how they arrived at the figure of \$2,000, Jane stated that when requesting funds, always ask for more than you need. She said that she asked for a lot more than was needed, a whole lot more. Several members of the Board asked for more details of how the MG Training committee planned to spend the funds requested. Anne Margaret White, also on the MG Training committee, volunteered to assist on a proposal more in line with what the Board was expecting.

Doris Gullotta, Scotchtown, reported that she will schedule two workdays and they will be listed on BI.

Pat Reyes reported that she had received a donation from the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs to be used for any school project. She discovered that other checks had been issued to Hanover in the past and inquired as to what “black hole” they had disappeared into. Angelette volunteered to investigate the disposition of the previous donations. (Angelette replied to the BOD the following day via email: Per discussion at BOD meeting yesterday, Hanover VCE has \$1,504 for use at any “school garden.” Some of these funds are from Garden Club donations over many years, made payable to VCE. Each year they donate, Missy Johnson, Unit Administrative Assistant, has a discussion with them about lack of a 4H Agent, therefore funds had not been expensed. This year the check came to the office written to Master Gardeners; therefore, it was forwarded to the Treasurer of the Association. It is indeed unfortunate that we don’t have anyone willing to be lead for Youth Activities as this funding would be very useful toward programming.)

Angelette reported that Shady Grove UMC has requested a Plant Clinic on October 8. Several other events are scheduled for that date and the PC Committee will see if there is enough interest to commit.

Betty Jane Hughes, Communications, will be putting the HMGA Activity Reports (which are attached to the BOD meeting minutes) on the website as soon as they are received, in the hope of informing MGs more quickly and to generate interest in ongoing activities. She is working on a mailing list to send out to former MGs and friends of HMGs that would be interested in attending MG meetings and educational activities (not volunteer events working with the public).

Additional reports are appended below.

The next BOD meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2022. The August 15, 2022, meeting of the HMGA Board of Directors was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Present: Pattie Bland, Eleanor Fukushima, Pat Reyes, Wayne Bryant, Linda Hazelwood, Lisa Willis, Betty Jane Hughes, Jane White, Sammye Daou, Kate Sandy, Doris Gullotta, Angelette Pryor, Sandy Pence, Carol Brown, and Anne Margaret White were in attendance. The attendance sheet will be attached to the file copy of these minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bryant
Secretary



HMGA Activity
Reports for August 2022



2023 HMGA Budget
Line-Item Proposal --