

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

**Minutes**

Pattie Bland, Acting President, called the meeting to order at 9:59 a.m., and confirmed a quorum.

The reading of the minutes of the May 16, 2022, Board of Directors meeting was waived. The minutes were approved as previously distributed.

Pat Reyes, Treasurer, provided the financial report through June 30, 2022. The report stated a balance in checking of \$6,658.04 and a CD balance of \$16,602.54. The report was accepted, pending review.

Angelette Pryor, Volunteer Manager, was asked for more details on the Horticulture Learning Center that was mentioned in her submitted report. She stated that the project had just received approvals from Hanover County and Virginia Tech, and that more details would be forthcoming.

Pattie stated that Sandy Pence has volunteered to preside at the next BOD meeting in August and thanked her for volunteering. Pattie discussed the Hanover Tomato Festival and Ed Wall's leadership in the HMGA Activity. She read the article from the Richmond Times Dispatch (attached) to the BOD. Pattie stated that the reprint of the "Native Plants for Virginia's Capital Region" publication was planned for October, and that she would be making a request for a donation from HMGA in the future.

Eleanor Fukushima, VP/Meetings, stated that she has made final arrangements for the Activities Fair on July 21. She has scheduled a member-led meeting for Thursday, August 18, 2022, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM. The meeting will be at Duncan Memorial Church in Ashland. Jane Henderson, Senior Extension Agent FCS, and Crystal Tyler-Mackey, Extension Specialist Community Viability, will discuss Leadership Roles, what is needed to improve participation of members/leaders, and Board Members best practices. There will be small group discussions. Eleanor has scheduled the HMGA picnic and meeting for Sunday, September 11, 2022, 12:30 PM – 4:00 PM at the Montpelier Park and Community Center. The speaker will be Sherry Barrick Parsons, Capital Trees Executive Director. Barbeque will be provided by HMGA, but 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 issue of working Wi-Fi at HEFC has been solved and the church will again allow meetings there, post COVID. After discussion, the BOD decided not to have a member-led meeting in November and to move the Annual Meeting to earlier in the month of December. The BOD also discussed and approved eliminating Zoom transmission of meetings to encourage more in-person participation. Meeting details are available on Better Impact.

Angelette reported that Katrina Hart (HGS) and Jamaal Willis, are looking for speakers and ideas for this year. HGS programs will be presented in person and only at the Atlee Library this year.

Val Kish, Help Desk, reported that things are cranking up for July and five or six samples have been received in the last week. Volunteers are showing a lot of interest, and she will be scheduling a team

meeting. Val reported 188 contacts this year through June. This compares to 175 for 2018 and 179 for 2019.

Angelette, MG Training, stated that MG training needed to be handled by a group. Val Kish volunteered to lead the group that includes Jane White, Kate Sandy, Anne Margaret White, Cathy Nault, and Henri Tosoc-Haskell. MG volunteers will be needed to lead individual meetings. A new flier has been produced (attached), and Betty Jane Hughes will update the information on our media sites. Jane is working on a survey of what other organizations are paying for speakers. Jane and Sandy are working on proposing a Training budget. Angelette congratulated Jane White for reaching the 500-hour milestone, and Kate Sandy for reaching 250 hours.

Christy Brennan, State Fair, was not available. Angelette reported that Christy, Nicky Maddams, and Anne Margaret White have been meeting and will have more to report soon. The 2022 State Fair of Virginia will run September 23 through October 2.

Doris Gullotta, Scotchtown, reported that she plans to expand the Dye Garden with the addition of plants (such as cotton and hemp) to create fabric. Doris is planning on MGs participating in Preservation Virginia Scotchtown's Second Annual Fall Festival, selling plants, and answering questions on October 1. There will be live music by the Hanover Concert Band, many traditional artisans, vendors demonstrating their trades and selling their wares, food trucks, Busky Cider, children's activities, an 18th-century games area, alpaca petting area, and continuous open house tours. Local and regional cultural partners including the Library of Virginia, St. Johns Church, and historians will be there. The Mariner's Museum will be presenting ongoing African Maritime Kingdom programs. Attendees will be able to see and experience living history with numerous interpreters. Doris is also looking into how the MGs can participate in a November Craft Fair at Scotchtown.

Additional reports are appended below.

The next BOD meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2022. The July 18, 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, Birdie Porter, Jane White, Sammye Daou, Kate Sandy, Bob Durbin, Doris Gullotta, Angelette Pryor, Sandy Pence, and Val Kish were in attendance. The attendance sheet will be attached to the file copy of these minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bryant  
Secretary



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