

**Hanover Master Gardener Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Extension Office**  
**September 19, 2022**

**Minutes**

Sandy Pence, Facilitator, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m., and confirmed a quorum.

The reading of the minutes of the August 15, 2022, Board of Directors meeting was waived. The minutes were amended and approved. The reading of the minutes of the September 11, 2022, General Membership meeting was waived. The minutes were approved as previously distributed.

Pat Reyes, Treasurer, provided the financial report through August 31, 2022. The report stated a balance in checking of \$4,956.08 and a CD balance of \$16,603.37. The report was accepted, pending review.

Bob Durbin, Horticultural Learning Center, discussed the status of the project (see the attached report). He stated that former MGs and the new training class should be invited. Marion Jones and Jane Ruffin (very early Hanover MGs) could be included in the ground-breaking. Bob is working on water capture for the project and a meeting could be scheduled in October or November to discuss further.

Angelette Pryor, Volunteer Manager, stated that applicants for the 2023 training class have been interviewed, nine applicants have been approved, and four applicants have paid. There are more applicants waiting for approval. She stated that an "Open House" may not be needed this year.

Pattie stated that the reprint of the "Native Plants for Virginia's Capital Region" publication was planned for the end of the year, and that she would be making a request for a donation from HMGA in the future.

Eleanor Fukushima, VP/Meetings, was not in attendance. Eleanor has scheduled a Trip and Tour to Chadwick & Son Orchids in Powhatan for September 29. The "Ground-Breaking" ceremony for the Horticulture Learning Center is scheduled for October 13 (replacing a member-led meeting). The Annual Meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2022, at the HEFC, where Mary Sketch, VA Soil Health Coalition Coordinator, will discuss "Soils." Meeting details are available on BI.

Betty Jane Hughes, Communications, had nothing to report. Doris Gullotta inquired about the recipes being removed from the Facebook page. After further discussions, Betty Jane said she would move the recipes to the "members only" section of the MG website.

Katrina Hart, HGS, was not in attendance. Angelette stated that sessions will start on October 15 and all sessions are already staffed.

Val Kish, Help Desk, stated that she would present reports on the Help Desk quarterly.

Val Kish, MG Training, said that clearly there is enough interest to have a MG training class this year. There was a planning meeting recently and the schedule is set. She expressed concern about staffing the classes and will have an email sent out to the BOD about this.

Christy Brennan, State Fair, was not in attendance. Sandy stated that Betty Jane has added additional volunteer opportunities to BI, but has not gotten the response needed. Sandy said we need to encourage more volunteers to sign up. Betty Jane and Angelette will send out a request for more volunteers.

Lisa Willis, Plant Clinics at Lowe's, stated that there are volunteer opportunities for the two remaining PCs this year.

Pat Reyes, Plant Sales, stated that a request for MGs to pot and save plants when digging and dividing this fall would be going out soon.

Kate Sandy, MG Training Committee, presented a budget for the 2023 MG training classes. Val discussed presenter fees with the BOD. There was a lengthy discussion on what other MG units were charging for training classes and paying for presenters. (An extensive report prepared by Henri Tosoc-Haskell is attached.) Sammye Daou moved that the budget for the 2023 MG training classes be approved as amended (attached). The motion was seconded by Jane White. The motion was approved.

Angelette reported that Shady Grove UMC has requested a Plant Clinic on October 8. Several other events are scheduled for that date and there wasn't anyone willing to fill their request.

Pattie Bland, Strategic Planning, stated that she would bring up the subject of organizational health at the next meeting.

Doris Gullotta, Nominating Committee, said that she and Pattie will ask for a few more volunteers to serve on the committee. They will send out an email asking for volunteers to serve on the BOD.

Betty Jane Hughes asked if there was any interest in forming a crafting group that might meet two times a month to share interests and teach others to make crafts for themselves, family, or for sale at the HMGA plant sale or at Scotchtown. There was enough interest in the topic for Betty Jane to explore further.

Additional reports are appended below.

The next BOD meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2022. The September 19, 2022, meeting of the HMGA Board of Directors was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

**Present:** Pattie Bland, Pat Reyes, Wayne Bryant, Lisa Willis, Betty Jane Hughes, Doris Gullotta, Jane White, Sammye Daou, Kate Sandy, Angelette Pryor, Sandy Pence, Val Kish, Bob Durbin, and Juanita Wrenn 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 Sept 2022



MG Class Fee List &  
Budget.xlsx



Benchmarking Trainin  
g Survey Report 2022