

Hanover Master Gardener Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Extension Office
October 17, 2022

Minutes

Sandy Pence, Facilitator, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., and confirmed a quorum.

The reading of the minutes of the September 19, 2022, Board of Directors meeting was waived. The minutes were approved as previously distributed.

Pat Reyes, Treasurer, provided the financial report through September 30, 2022. The report stated a balance in checking of \$4,886.35 and a CD balance of \$16,603.37. The report was accepted, pending review.

Angelette Pryor, Volunteer Manager, thanked everyone who helped and is helping with the Horticultural Learning Center. There was a great crowd at the Groundbreaking Ceremony. Special thanks to Bob Durbin, Jamaal Willis, and the planning committee. Angelette requested anyone with pictures of the groundbreaking to please send them to her. A volunteer is needed to wash the tablecloths used at the event. She stated that VCE is represented at a new exhibit that opened October 13 at the Hanover Museum of History and Culture. Angelette reported that the Ashland Town Council has reached out about a Tree Grant they have received. The trees must be planted by a landscape crew, but MGs may have opportunities to offer advice and recommendations on the types of trees to be planted. The Spirit of Volunteerism committee has requested the MGs provide additional (more than previous years) table decorations for the event this year. Angelette stated that Ag Day will be October 25-26. Volunteers are still needed and anyone working with youth will need to update their 4H profile. Information and instructions on the profile update will be out shortly. She asked for photos of MG activities during 2022 to be sent to Caroline Velazquez, who is putting together the Final Report that is presented at the December membership meeting.

Sandy reported that she and Katrina Hart will be working together on a new Facebook page. She said that a new/additional administrator is needed and asked for volunteers. Sandy also reported a correction to the Activity reports (corrected version attached) as per Val Kish: Taylor Adams has agreed to help the 2023 Trainees understand the why/how/what of the required Presentations part of the course. He may ask one or two other MGs to help him flesh out the details. Taylor has not agreed to be the mentoring Coordinator at this time. His role will end with the course.

Eleanor Fukushima, VP/Meetings, stated that Bob Durbin has requested a Zoom meeting be scheduled for November 14. Shawn Jadrnicek will discuss Rain Harvesting Systems for the HLC. Betty Jane Hughes will add it to BI. The BOD discussed and approved moving the next Board meeting from November 21 (Thanksgiving week) to November 14. Eleanor will reserve the meeting room. 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.

Kate Sandy, MG Training, said that the committee is almost done. There will be a need for people to help with support, and the committee will meet to discuss the details. The class schedule will be provided to Betty Jane Hughes to be posted on BI.

Beckey Watson, Educational Grants, recommended in her attached report that the BOD approve a grant request in the amount of \$500 for Rural Point Elementary School. The request was discussed, and Kate Sandy moved that the BOD approve the request. The motion was seconded by Betty Jane Hughes. The motion was approved by the Board.

Pat Reyes and Pattie Bland presented an HMGA budget for 2023. The Board scrutinized and discussed each item at length. Pat will make the few changes requested and present the budget again at the next BOD meeting.

Pattie posed the question of recommending to the membership the raising of dues for membership in the HMGA from \$10 to \$25. The Board discussed the question. Eleanor Fukushima moved that the Board approve recommending the increase. Betty Jane Hughes seconded the motion, and the Board approved.

Additional reports are appended below.

The next BOD meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2022. The October 17, 2022, meeting of the HMGA Board of Directors was adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

Present: Pattie Bland, Eleanor Fukushima, Pat Reyes, Wayne Bryant, Linda Hazelwood, Lisa Willis, Betty Jane Hughes, Birdie Porter, Doris Gullotta, Jane White, Kate Sandy, Angelette Pryor, Sandy Pence, 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 Oct 2022