

**Hanover Master Gardener Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Extension Office & Zoom**  
**March 21, 2022**

**Minutes**

Pattie Bland, Acting President, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m., and confirmed a quorum.

The reading of the minutes of the February 28, 2022, Board of Directors meeting was waived. The minutes were approved as previously distributed.

Pat Reyes, Treasurer, provided the financial report through January 2022. The report stated a balance in checking of \$2,610.95 and a CD balance of \$16,601.72. Pat reported that Federal Form 990-N has been filed with the IRS. The financial report was accepted, pending review.

Angelette Pryor, Volunteer Manager, announced that Jess Soffee has accepted a 4-H Position in Lucas County, Ohio and her last day will be Friday, 4/1/22. It is unknown if or when the 4-H agent position for Hanover will be posted. VCE is currently divided into 4 Districts. Plans are to divide the state into 5 Districts and Hanover will be in the new 5th District. Only after the new director is in place will discussions begin on if or when a 4-H Agent position for Hanover will be posted. Angelette stated that VT will be sending out some changes to becoming a MG. She also stated that she has the new price for the training manual. Angelette reported that the HGS Winter Series has been completed and was well attended. Katrina Hart is recommending that all future HGS presentations be at the Atlee Library.

Pattie announced that the Plant RVA Natives committee will be meeting later in the week and will discuss reprinting the "Native Plants for Virginia's Capital Region." She stated that this was something that the HMGA may want to support. Pattie stated that she was contacted by Cheri Haggerty (former HMGA President who moved out of state) who said she is still listed as an administrator for the HMGA on Facebook. Pattie advised Sherry to contact Betty Jane Hughes, Communications, who is working on changes and upgrades to the Facebook sites. Pattie reported that she and Elaine Daniel are still the coordinators for the gleaning project. There have been three Gleaning training classes and there may be one more in the future. Gleaning training is required annually. Pattie stated that other MGs are needed to preside at Board meetings. Pattie said that a deeper discussion of the results of the MG survey will take place at a future meeting.

Eleanor Fukushima, VP/Meetings, stated that she will send thank you cards to Scott Burrell (speaker) and Duncan Memorial Methodist Church (facility) for the March 17, 2022, HMGA General Membership meeting, which was well attended. She said that Jess Soffee was scheduled to speak in April and that she would have to find another speaker for that meeting since Jess is moving on. Eleanor will ask Buz Sawyer to speak on Bluebirds at the May meeting.

Linda Hazelwood, Land Care Steward, stated that there were four people in attendance to a meeting last week on the Home Visit Program. She said that more information about training for the program will be coming out before it restarts in April or May.

Beckey Watson, Grants Committee, recommended that the BOD approve a grant application from Camp Hanover in the amount of \$500. A motion to approve the grant was made, seconded, and approved. Her report is attached below.

Val Kish, Help Desk, reported that contacts for January (14) and February (19) had been slow. She said that March had also been slow so far. She reported that 65% of the contacts were by phone and 30% by email. She said that at a meeting on March 14, it was decided to eliminate Help Desk morning hours. The Help Desk will operate Monday - Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. She is looking forward to working with the MG interns, who are required to have at least four hours of Help Desk training.

Pat Reyes, Plant Sale, stated that the Pre-Plant Sale Potting Party will be at her house on March 26. She already has plenty of pots and potting soil. She encouraged MGs to take some of the plants home to care for them until the sale. The sale will have separate areas for sun plants, shade plants, native plants; an area for kids; and an area for compost. Donations of potted plants, gently used tools, and books are welcome. Ed Wall is growing about 300 vegetable plants for the 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 on Monday, April 18. Lisa Willis reminded us that a Lowe's Plant Clinic is also on March 26, and volunteers are still needed. Eleanor volunteered and Kate Sandy and Jane White said they knew the right trainee that could fill the other slot.

Kate Sandy/Jane White, MG Training, presented an expense report for the 2022 MG class and requested the BOD approve honorariums for speakers, token gifts to the Covenant Woods support staff, and a luncheon at Covenant Woods for the trainees and guests to celebrate the completion of the classroom instruction portion of the training class. The BOD approved the expenditures. Kate and Jane also submitted a MG training class budget proposal that was taken up with the overall 2022 HMGA Budget. Val proposed increasing the honorarium for MG training speakers first from \$50 to \$100, and then to \$200 per speaker.

Pat presented the proposed 2022 HMGA budget which was discussed at length. The BOD decided to table the budget talks and revisit the subject at the next BOD meeting after members reviewed the proposed budget and refined their proposals.

Doris Gullotta, Scotchtown, stated that there is an event in October at Scotchtown where HMGA may be able to sell plants to raise funds. Angelette stated that more details are needed. Doris will investigate.

Additional reports and information distributed to the Board prior to this meeting are appended below.

The next BOD meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2022. The March 21, 2022, meeting of the HMGA Board of Directors was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

**Present:** Pattie Bland, Eleanor Fukushima, Pat Reyes, Wayne Bryant, Lisa Willis, Jane White, Angelette Pryor, Kate Sandy, and Juanita Wrenn attended in person. Linda Hazelwood, Betty Jane Hughes, Doris Gullotta, Birdie Porter, Val Kish, 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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