

Hanover Master Gardener Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Extension Office
May 15, 2023

Minutes

Sandy Pence and Kate Sandy, Co-Presidents, called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m., and confirmed a quorum.

The reading of the minutes of the April 17, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting and the May 8, 2023, General membership meeting was waived. The minutes were approved as previously distributed.

Pat Reyes, Treasurer, provided the financial report through April 30, 2023. The report stated a balance in checking of \$5,374.39 (most earmarked for the HLC) and a CD balance of \$14,723.53. Expenditures for April included a \$1,000.00 donation for the reprint of the “Native Plants for Virginia’s Capital Region” guide and plant sale expenses. Pat stated that the proceeds from the HMGA plant sale (\$7,542.13) were deposited in May. The report was accepted, pending review.

Angelette Pryor, Volunteer Manager, stated that four volunteers are needed to review and update the media boxes, and she will send out a request. Angelette has received two applications from MGs for VMGA scholarships to MG College and has forwarded them to the VMGA. There is an HGS planning meeting scheduled for May 23 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom, and all are welcome. An intern is interested in volunteering, but an MG is needed to work with the intern. Angelette is working on a potential candidate. Angelette stated that the “Interests and Skills” survey that was sent out to all MGs last month has an end date of May 31. She will send out a reminder to all MGs.

Holly Owens, Horticultural Learning Center, stated that HMGA has received a \$2,000 grant for the HLC from Rappahannock Electric Cooperative. The funds will be used for a water storage tank for the HLC. A full report is included in the HMGA Activity Reports.

Eleanor Fukushima, VP/Meetings, has been working to schedule meetings, tours, and speakers for the Hanover MGs. She has scheduled a tour of the gardens of Wayne Bryant in Chesterfield County for June 14. A General Membership Meeting, picnic, and tour of the HLC is scheduled for June 17. A tour of Village Garden in Mechanicsville is scheduled for July 15. Eleanor has also scheduled a tour of a native plant garden in the Westover Hills area of Richmond, just south of Nickel Bridge. Details will be posted on Better Impact.

Beckey Watson, Educational Grants Committee, had previously received a grant request from the Ashland Community Preschool for restoration of raised beds in front of the Hanover Arts and Activities Center. A second request from New Song Community Garden was also received. Both requests were evaluated by the Committee. The Committee recommended that the BOD approve both. At the last meeting, the Board requested more time to review the recommendations and decided to table the grants. Both requests were reconsidered and discussed at length. The BOD voted not to approve the grant request from New Song Community Garden. The BOD voted to approve the grant request in the amount of \$500.00 for the Ashland Community Preschool. Sandy Pence and Kate Sandy, Co-presidents, stated that the grant review process should be revised. The BOD voted to not accept additional grant applications until the revision of the grant review process has been completed.

Sandy discussed having a fall yard sale to raise funds for the HMGA. The discussion included what and what not to sell and when the sale should be held. A request for volunteers and a lead will be sent out to the MGs.

Sandy Pence stated that only one HMGA MG College scholarship application form was received. The applicant also applied for a VMGA MG College scholarship. The BOD voted to approve the HMGA scholarship in the amount of \$250.00 (if the VMGA scholarship is not approved) or for up to \$250.00 for expenses (more than the VMGA scholarship, if approved).

Additional reports are appended below.

Sandy asked the BOD members and guests to stay and share a potluck lunch. After lunch the group made table decorations for the Spirit of Volunteerism Awards.

The next BOD meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2023. The May 15, 2023, meeting of the HMGA Board of Directors was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Present: Kate Sandy, Sandy Pence, Pat Reyes, Eleanor Fukushima, Wayne Bryant, Linda Hazelwood, Doris Gullotta, Anne Margaret White, Lisa Willis, Birdie Porter, Sammye Daou, Angelette Pryor, Carol Brown, Betty Jane Hughes, Holly Owens, William Wittig, and Pat Holt 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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