

**Hanover Master Gardener Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Pat Reyes' Home**  
**June 19, 2023**

**Minutes**

Sandy Pence, Co-President, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m., and confirmed a quorum.

The reading of the minutes of the May 15, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting was waived. The minutes were approved as previously distributed.

Pat Reyes, Treasurer, provided the financial report through May 31, 2023. The report stated a balance in checking of \$14,581.79 (approximately \$5,600 earmarked for the HLC) and a CD balance of \$14,723.53. Pat stated that the proceeds from the HMGA plant sale of \$7,087.13 and the \$2,000 grant from Rappahannock Electric Co-Op were deposited in May. Expenditures for May included a \$500 grant to Ashland Community Preschool and plant sale expenses. The report was accepted, pending review.

Holly Owens, Horticultural Learning Center, said the attendees reacted very positively to the HLC at the picnic on Saturday. Holly stated that the committee would like BOD approval to set up a wish list of items needed for the HLC on Amazon and will need an email to do so. The Board approved and recommended using the following email: [hanover.master.gardener@gmail.com](mailto:hanover.master.gardener@gmail.com) The wish list will also be linked on Facebook. Holly discussed the use of signs, labels, and QR codes in the HLC gardens. She stated that a workday to place cardboard and spread woodchips will be set and listed on BI soon.

Eleanor Fukushima, VP/Meetings, has been working to schedule meetings, tours, and speakers for the Hanover MGs. A member-led meeting is set for July 10 where HMG attendees to MG College will report on their experience. 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 the Boulevard Toll Bridge. Eleanor has scheduled a General Membership meeting, picnic, and plant swap for September 16. Sandy thanked Eleanor for her efforts to arrange interesting trips and speakers. Sandy has invited the Henrico MGs to attend our September 16 meeting and will invite HLC community partners as well. She discussed adding a raffle or silent auction to meetings. The BOD agreed to give it a try. Details will be posted on Better Impact.

Sandy discussed the subject of a fall yard sale to raise funds for the HMGA. No one has volunteered to lead the Activity, so the Board decided to drop the idea for now.

Betty Jane Hughes, Communications, reported that there was a problem with the HMGA website that was sorted out with the web host Go Daddy. She reported that a change of host will be explored when the current contract expires. She stated that the "Interests and Skills" survey that was sent out to all MGs in April had an end date of May 31. A reminder was sent to all MGs in late May. Not all MGs have responded. Betty Jane will send out another reminder to those MGs that have not yet replied.

Doris Gullotta stated that she is having problems getting MGs to pick up and pay for HMGA apparel. She has requested help with billing MGs for the merchandise. The BOD discussed the problems and suggested solutions which might be helpful in the future.

Sandy stated that the Grants program is on hold while being reviewed. The Atlee Little League grant project was discussed, and pictures confirmed a poor design, few plants planted in poor soil, and no signage. The Board was dismayed that the HMGA funds provided were not utilized better.

Sandy asked the BOD members to stay and share a delicious lunch that was prepared by Pat Reyes, Eleanor Fukushima, Lisa Willis, Linda Hazelwood, and Sandy Pence.

Additional reports are appended below.

The next BOD meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2023. The June 19, 2023, meeting of the HMGA Board of Directors was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

**Present:** Sandy Pence, Kate Sandy (by phone), Pat Reyes, Eleanor Fukushima, Wayne Bryant, Linda Hazelwood, Doris Gullotta, Bob Durbin, Anne Margaret White, Lisa Willis, Birdie Porter, Sammye Daou, Betty Jane Hughes, Holly Owens, 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 June 2023