

**Hanover Master Gardener Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Extension Office**  
**July 17, 2023**

**Minutes**

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

The reading of the minutes of the June 19, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting was waived. The minutes were approved as previously distributed.

Pat Reyes, Treasurer, was not available. Sandy Pence presented the financial report through June 30, 2023. The report stated a balance in checking of \$15,542.97 (approximately \$6,872.37 earmarked for the HLC) and a CD balance of \$14,723.53. The report was accepted, pending review.

Angelette Pryor, Volunteer Manager, reported that Virginia Cooperative Extension will be sending out a "Needs Assessment Survey" to all MGs, and asked everyone to participate.

Angelette has received edamame seeds from Patrick Bewick, a Ph.D. student at Virginia Tech, conducting research into how home gardeners choose crops for their gardens. This is a great opportunity for EMGs to get involved in a research project and provide some feedback for the study. Seeds and relevant documents that might be helpful to EMGs as they grow seeds are available from Angelette. Seeds have been sent to each unit office that houses an EMG program.

Angelette reported that Savannah Steblein, 4H Coordinator, has taken a teaching job in North Carolina and will be leaving at the end of the month.

Holly Owens, Horticultural Learning Center, discussed the HLC project and asked MGs for ideas and suggestions for 2024. She stated that we need to begin preparations to participate in the Ashland Harvest Run Project.

Eleanor Fukushima, VP/Meetings, reported that the June HMGA picnic was a hit. Eleanor has scheduled a tour of a native plant garden in the Westover Hills area of Richmond, just south of the Boulevard Toll Bridge for August 19. Eleanor has scheduled a General Membership meeting, picnic, and plant swap for September 16. Sandy has invited the Henrico MGs to attend our September 16 meeting and will invite HLC community partners as well. Details will be posted on Better Impact.

Anne Margaret White, 2024 MG Training, reported that MG classes will be held on Tuesday and Friday mornings, starting the second week of January, at Covenant Woods. She thanked Joanne Einsmann, Val Kish, Kate Sandy, and Ronni McCord for their continuing efforts in the planning and organizing.

Doris Gullotta stated that she is having problems getting MGs to pick up and pay for HMGA silk screened apparel. She discussed the minimum requirements she was facing with embroidered items, and that it might be better if MGs ordered those items individually.

Sandy Pence stated that the Grants program is still on hold while being reviewed.

Kate Sandy presented a document (attached) that discussed reasons and benefits for MGs to join and support the Hanover Master Gardeners Association. She thanked the other committee members that worked on it, which included Betty Jane Hughes, Doris Gullotta, Haylie Zapantis, Cindy Barrow, and Victoria Shipp.

Additional reports are appended below.

The next BOD meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2023. The July 17, 2023, meeting of the HMGA Board of Directors was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

**Present:** Sandy Pence, Kate Sandy, Eleanor Fukushima, Wayne Bryant, Doris Gullotta, Anne Margaret White, Lisa Willis, Sammye Daou, Pattie Bland, Angelette Pryor, Holly Owens, Val Kish, Janice Thomas, Mary Corbett, and Bosha Nelson 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 July 2023.



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