

Hanover Master Gardener Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Extension Office
August 21, 2023

Minutes

Sandy Pence, Co-president, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m., and confirmed a quorum. She discussed the problems she was experiencing sending the HMGA Activity Reports and Announcements. She read the highlights from the reports and stated that they would be sent out later. Kate Sandy discussed changing the way minutes and activity reports are formatted due to the possibility that someone might change the minutes and reports.

The reading of the minutes of the July 17, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting was waived. The minutes were approved as previously distributed.

Pat Reyes, Treasurer, presented the financial report through July 31, 2023. The report stated a balance in checking of \$16330.10 and a CD balance of \$14,844.29. The report was accepted, pending review.

Angelette Pryor, Volunteer Manager, reported that Mary Sketch Bryant, Coordinator for the VA Soil Health Coalition, had a baby girl on Sunday, three weeks early.

Angelette reported that Laura Maxey-Nay won an [Achievement Award](#) from the National Association of County Agricultural Agents, which she received in Iowa. Laura is currently out sick with COVID.

There will be a workshop on Tree Health available via Zoom.

Angelette stated that Hanover County will have a Day of Service on September 11, 2023, for county employees. Volunteers will help to place cardboard and spread mulch in the HLC.

Holly Owens, Horticultural Learning Center, recognized and thanked all the MGs, family members, and community members that have participated in the HLC project since the last BOD meeting. She 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. She also discussed some grant applications and approvals in support of the HLC activity.

Eleanor Fukushima, VP/Meetings, reported that the August 19 tour of the native plant garden in the Westover Hills area of Richmond was great, with 23 MGs in attendance. 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 4H and HLC community partners as well. She is working on a tour of AgriBerry Farms in October. Details will be posted on Better Impact.

Pattie Bland, Chair of the Nominating Committee, and Doris Gullotta will send out a notice and start contacting HMGA members who might be interested in running for a BOD position or nominating someone for a position. A slate of candidates will be presented to the BOD at a future meeting.

Betty Jane reported that over 60 Hanover MGs did not complete the Member Survey. She is working to compile the results.

Pattie Bland reported that the funding for the reprint of the Native Plants for Virginia's Capital Region booklet is halfway to the \$15,000 needed. They are contacting donors. She hopes the guide will be available before the Virginia State Fair.

Additional reports are appended below.

The next BOD meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2023. The August 21, 2023, meeting of the HMGA Board of Directors was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Present: Sandy Pence, Kate Sandy, Eleanor Fukushima, Pat Reyes, Wayne Bryant, Linda Hazelwood, Doris Gullotta, Bob Durbin, Lisa Willis, Birdie Porter, Sammye Daou, Juanita Wrenn, Pattie Bland, Angelette Pryor, Betty Jane Hughes, Holly Owens, Janice Thomas, and Joanne Einsmann 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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