

Hancock County Master Gardeners

Meeting minutes

January 26, 2022

Opening

The meeting was called to order by President Darlene Trusty at 6:00 pm. There were **42** attendees both in Person and on Zoom. There was a total of 42 in attendance.

Extension Update

Lais McCartney, ANR Educator, stated the new Master Gardeners Class begins February 1. She also shared with us a program she is working on called Grass to Garden which is 4 sessions of 3 hours each at a cost of \$50. A book is also included.

Awards

Lynn Meier, Awards Committee chairperson, announced that Bob Mattsey is now a Master Gardener and Lynn Meier receives her Bronze

Treasurer Report

Teresa Bowlby, our treasurer, shared with us that we have a bank balance of \$7,469.22. Our deposits for December - January were \$863.41, and December – January expenses were \$1,499.90. We received a Grant check for \$40.00. Expenses are reimbursement for kiosk materials and apparel purchases. Deposits are from apparel payments and dues collected. As of January 25, 2022, 13 MG members have paid their dues.

Approvals

Darlene asked if there were any additions or corrections to minutes from the previous meeting. There were none, and a motion to accept the minutes was made by Teresa, seconded by Jerry LeCount, and approved.

Old Business

Teresa Bowlby gave an update on the sweatshirts and T-shirts. She can order more, not a problem to do so. There are still three packages of shirt to be picked up at the front door on the table as you walk in.

The Purdue Extension's address will change in 2 weeks to 792 East Park Avenue.

Lais McCartney stated she will need the committee chairpersons' project sheets turned in Before the end of February.

New Business

Darlene Trusty announced the Media Committee will be divided into three parts. Social Media, Newsletter, and Webmaster. Bruce Matter will be facebook/social media chair.

The Nomination Chairperson is still open as well. Volunteering for the committees is still open.

Bob Degitz, Booth Volunteer, announced that March 13, from 12 – 5pm is the Master Gardener day at the Flower and Patio Show at the State Fairgrounds. Shifts will be 1 hour and 40 minutes each. Bob is sending out an email soon.

Elaine Whitfield and Janet Ridenour presented a proposal to renovate our 9 gardens using pavers. They would begin with the sign garden, then the pollinator and foundation gardens. The sign garden will begin after the sign has been replaced.

Announcements

Teresa Bowlby reminded everyone about the Zoom meeting on January 27 at 6 pm for the Spring Plant Sale. She's asking for new ideas.

Rosemary Hill announced that the next New Castle Seed Library program will February 28, 6:30 pm. Topic for the evening will be Winter Sowing. Rosemary and Connie Dickinson will presenters.

Vicki Snarr, Education Committee, announced the 2022 Green Thumb topic will be Helping Others Grow. The next Green Thumb will be held at our Greenfield Library on March 19 at 9:30 to 12 pm.

Also, Thornwood Nature Preserve will have Nature Walks on April 2 and April 30. On March 19th at 9:30 am Lais and Stacey will present Healthy Soil.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the business meeting was made by Teresa and seconded by Jerry at 6:24 pm. The next meeting will be held February 23 at 6:00 pm at Extension Office and via Zoom.

Break

There was a short break while members logged out of the business portion of the meeting and log into the education portion.

Education

Vicki Snarr introduced our speakers for the evening, topsoil 101. Cathy and Patty from Co-Alliance presented a short program on how to get your soil tested. Discussed what soils are good. Casey Urban. The urban soil specialist also presented a short program on urban soil and how we can help keep it healthy. Kyle Turbin from the Hancock Public Library presented the many resources that are available to us.

Minutes prepared by:

Lynn Meier, Secretary

