

Highland Lakes Master Gardener Association

Minutes for the General Meeting

February 13, 2024

Hybrid meeting from the Burnet AgriLife Auditorium and via Zoom

Call to Order: Terri Winter called the meeting to order at 2:04pm

Attendance: In person: 75 members, 4 guests; via Zoom: 14 members

Jennifer McMillan introduced our speaker: Janie Vaught, who gave a presentation on "Seed Starting"

Terri W. thanked Virginie Lamb for coordinating refreshments for the meeting and also everyone who brought food. She reminded everyone that bringing food to share at the meeting earns an extra hour of volunteer time.

Break: 3:15pm

Business Meeting: Terri W. called the meeting back to order at 3:28pm

January General Meeting minutes were approved as emailed and published on the website.

January Financials were approved as emailed and published on the website.

Carolyn Crouchet discussed the upcoming Burnet Middle School Spring Plant Sale. It will be held on Monday, March 4th, from 8am - 4pm.

This project started 17 years ago by Rose Lackey (Our very own Terri Winter's mother!), Lavona Fry, and Shelly Townsend, Ag teacher at BMS.

Carolyn recommends arriving early (people start lining up at 7am) to have a good selection to choose from. The plants sell out quickly.

Cash and Checks ONLY, no credit cards. She will have plant list available soon and prices. Plant prices are very affordable.

Come early, bring a friend and also bring your own box to put your plants in.

All funds raised go to the Burnet Middle School Greenhouse Project. The plant sales made close to \$20,000.00 in 2023. Students grow all the plants themselves. Carolyn asked that we spread the word, use social media. If members would like to volunteer, they will need to complete a separate background check through the school.

The next BMS plant sale will be around Easter.

Our first Green Thumb presentation of 2024 will be held on Thursday, March 21st, from 1-2pm at Lakeshore Library in Buchanan Dam. Lyn Mefford will present "Tomato Gardening, From Seed to Table" Attending earns one hour of AT credit.

Terri W. announced that we have 2 members who have accepted the Editor position for the "Dig it" newsletter. Marylynne Norman and Anelicia Campbell-Cheney. Both bring many beneficial strengths and expertise to this position. We are excited to have co-editors, and they have agreed to a 3 month trial basis beginning with the April issue to see if this is a good fit for both of them. Gail Braymen will be available to assist with the transition.

Reminder: Please send pictures and articles for the "Dig it".

Roxanne Dunegan gave a brief update on the upcoming Lawn & Garden Show on 3-30-24.

We still need more items for the silent auction.

She has signup sheets available today to volunteer. There are many opportunities to earn volunteer hours at the show. She will also email the volunteer signup list so we can sign up online.

Roxanne also has Lawn & Garden T-shirts for sale for volunteers to wear (optional, but it's nice to all wear same shirt for attendees to know we are part of the HLMGA Lawn & Garden Show).

Roxanne will be emailing the order form so we can order online. She asked that we check out the flyer for the show on our HLMGA website, her contact info is on the flyer. Please contact Roxanne with any questions.

Linda Stoneking is having a brief meeting about Farmer's Market in 2024 after today's meeting. Please stay if you would like more information.

Please remember to log your hours , and check to be sure they are recorded correctly. This is so important!

Meeting adjourned: 3:43pm

Submitted by:

Terri Clark/Recording Secretary