

Highland Lakes Master Gardener Association

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2024

Burnet AgriLife Auditorium

**Call to Order:** Terri Winter called the meeting to order at 1:33pm

**Attendance:** Terri Winter/President, Jennifer McMillan/Vice-President, Carolyn Stephens/Past President, Celia Manlove/Treasurer, Marybeth Edeen/Corresponding Secretary, Terri Clark/Recording Secretary, Patti Young/Member at Large, Kerry Nyquist/Member at Large

December meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Audit Committee report update:

No problems were found. Recommendations for audits/inventory of physical property (tools, etc.) to be done at The Garden in Marble Falls and Kings Garden in Kingsland. Kings Garden hopes to have their inventory list completed this coming week.

2024 HLMGA Budget line items: The board must be contacted for prior approval to exceed any budgeted line amount.

There was discussion of researching other Master Gardener Association's annual dues amounts. Nothing was decided at this time.

The 2024 Certification class has 19 people enrolled to date. the original deadline to register was 1/3/24. Joan Altobelli has extended the deadline date to February 1, 2024. The first day of class is February 7, 2024.

The association received a request from Brian Wilson representing Shady Grove Cemetery. He is inquiring if HLMGA would be interested in volunteering to help spruce up the property. The site was visited and there is a lot of work that would need to be done, and there was not any water accessible to care for any possible future landscaping needs. The board feels that this is a project that HLMGA cannot commit to at this time.

The board has received waiver requests from 2 members for 2024:

Sharon Jensen, due to knee surgery

Cindy Clark, health reasons (her husband Jack is not returning)

Motion made & Seconded to accept these waivers. All were in favor. Waivers approved.

Marble Falls After School Program was discussed. Julia McComas is eager to get this "ACE" program started. The board's recommendation is to have Julia contact the PET committee and get things rolling, and the board would ask for an exception on the timing of consideration/approval from PET in order to start this spring.

**Meeting adjourned:** 2:23pm

Submitted by:

Terri Clark/Recording Secretary