

Highland Lakes Master Gardener Association

Minutes for the General Meeting

October 10, 2023

Hybrid Meeting from the Burnet AgriLife Auditorium and via Zoom

Call to Order: Terri Winter called the meeting to order at 2:03pm

Attendance: In person: 46 members, 1 guest; via Zoom: 14 members

Carolyn Stephens made a brief announcement on behalf of the Nominating Committee. They are still seeking a nominee for Vice President to serve on the HLMGA Board for 2024. Please see her or Kerry Nyquist or Terri Winter if anyone is interested in volunteering for this officer position.

Linda Stoneking introduced our speaker, Wade Hibler on the "History of Texas Trees"

Terri Winter thanked Virginie Lamb for coordinating refreshments and thanked those who brought snacks. She reminded everyone that bringing snacks to the meeting also earns an extra hour of volunteer time.

Terri also announced that payment for 2024 membership dues (\$25) are now being accepted.

Break: 2:45 pm

Business Meeting: Terri W. called the meeting back to order at 3:11pm

September General meeting minutes were approved as emailed and published on the website.

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

Motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the revisions to HLMGA's By-Laws as presented at the September 12, 2023 general meeting.

Carolyn Stephens presented the Nominating Committee's status report on nominations for 2024

Officers:

Returning:

Terri Winter/President

Terri Clark/Recording Secretary

Carolyn Stephens/Past President

Patti Young/Member at Large

Kerry Nyquist/Member at Large

New Officers:

Marybeth Edeen/Corresponding Secretary

Celia Manlove/Treasurer

They do not have a nominee for the Vice-President position as yet. Voting will take place at the November general meeting for the 2024 Officers.

Roxanne Dunegan spoke about plans for the 2024 Lawn and Garden Show on 3-30-24. If anyone knows of other members or vendors who would like to have a booth, please let her know. There will be additional space for more vendors.

- Quilt Raffle: Please let Roxanne or Julie Griser know if you have suggestions for places to display the Quilt prior to the L&G Show to help raise more funds and awareness.

- Silent Auction: Please ask area merchants you are familiar with if they would like to donate items for the silent auction. Also, items can be accepted now from merchants and members, Roxanne can store them until the Show. Please let her know.

- Plant Sale: Propagate plants now for the show. The 2024 Certification Class will have a booth to sell plants for HLMGA. Donations are needed and welcomed.

- New Chairs for the Show:

Jenni McCoy - Vendors

Marybeth Edeen - Recruit Speakers for Show

Joan Altobelli & Julie Sartor - Certification Class Plant booth

- Roxanne would like the L&G Show to have a presence on Facebook and asked that if there is anyone who could help facilitate this to please see her. She is counting on not only word of mouth but also social media to help ensure continued success for the Show.

- L&G Show meetings will begin in January, starting at 1:00 pm the same day as HLMGA's monthly General meeting days. (One hour before the general meeting)

- Please let Roxanne know if any questions or concerns.

Terri Winter announced that registration for the 2024 Certification class has begun. Please share the news. Registration information is on our website and class fills quickly.

HLMGA received a request regarding the Marble Falls ISD having an afterschool program with HLMGA members volunteering at several campuses to set up and facilitate a gardening program. This is a huge responsibility and undertaking and the concern is that it will require several members to handle the logistics, and much more time than members may be able to commit to. If anyone is interested, please contact Terri W. for more information.

Terri clarified that CE hours cannot be earned for watching Zoom recordings of our monthly general meeting speakers after the meeting has taken place. In other words, members have to be on Zoom during the actual presentation to receive the CE credit, the same as our members attending the meeting in person receive the CE credit.

We are still in need of a Veggie Superintendent for the Burnet County Area Fair. Please see Terri Winter or Carolyn Stephens if you are interested.

Terri W. asked members to vote on their preference for the time of day to have the Christmas Party on December 5th. Majority voted to have the party early afternoon. The meat will be provided by HLMGA, members provide covered dishes, Linda Stoneking will have a sign up sheet for the dishes (so we have plenty of both sides and desserts!). Entertainment provided also.

Reminder to get your volunteer hours entered on VMS, we are on the downhill slide and ALL our volunteer hours are very important and need to be logged.

Celia Manlove is our Grant writer. Terri W. asked Project Chairs to please let Celia know if there are wish list items that could possibly be acquired through a grant.

Lyn Mefford presented the PET (Project Evaluation Team) Committee's recommendations for 2024 Project renewals. The deadline to submit applications for renewals was 9/15/23.

A brief summary of the PET report :

- Burnet County Fair: Renewal application w/285 VS hours recorded to date
- Burnet Farmer & Craft Market: Renewal application w/549.95 VS hours recorded to date
- Burnet Middle School Greenhouse: Renewal application w/390.55 VS hours recorded to date
- The Garden: Renewal application w/788.50 VS hours recorded to date
- HARTH: Did not submit renewal app, 6 VS hours recorded to date, HARTH closed doors due to illness of owner
- Lawn & Garden Show: Renewal application w/534.65 hours recorded to date
- Horseshoe Bay Church Garden (HSB): PET suggests moving this to Activity Status as too few members volunteer (25.5 VS hours recorded to date), but the pollinator garden has been used for enjoyment and some training opportunities. PET suggests more promotion/enhanced profile to move back to Project status.
- Kings Garden: Renewal application w/1,041 VS hours recorded to date.
- Oaks Nursing Home Garden: Renewal application w/181.25 VS hours recorded to date.
- Raffle Quilt: Renewal application with 25.50 VS hours recorded to date. Hours are obviously under reported to date. Members encouraged to record their volunteer hours.
- Burnet AgriLife Office: No renewal application received. PET suggests moving this to Activity Status.
- NEW PROJECT: Seed Library: PET approved as Project status given the potential for educating members and the public, and providing a great community service.

PET Committee recommends:

- Sunsetting HARTH and Burnet AgriLife Office Projects
- Changing HSB Church Garden from Project to Activity Status

Motion made, seconded and all in favor to approve the PET Committee's recommendations for HLMGA's 2024 Projects.

Our next and last Green Thumb presentation for 2023 will be "How to Create Portable Herb Gardens" by Lyn Mefford, held on 10/19 from 11-12pm at the Lakeshore Library, 7346 Ranch Road 261, Buchanan Dam.

Meeting adjourned: 3:47pm

Submitted by:

Terri Clark, Recording Secretary