

Highland Lakes Master Gardener Association

Minutes for the General Meeting

November 14, 2023

Hybrid meeting from the Burnet AgriLife Auditorium and via Zoom

Call to Order: Terri Winter called the meeting to order at 2:00pm

Attendance: In person: 47 members, 1 guest: via Zoom: 18 members

Terri Winter let everyone know that Jim Woodul would not be present at the meeting as he fell and is injured. Terri also thanked Virginie Lamb for coordinating refreshments for the meeting and thanked everyone who brought food. Reminder that bringing food to share at the meeting earns an extra hour of volunteer time.

Terri introduced our speaker, Molly Keck who gave a presentation on "Beneficial Insects".

Terri announced that Kerry Nyquist will collect 2024 membership dues of \$25 during the break.

Break: 3:06pm

Business Meeting: Terri called the meeting back to order at 3:23pm

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

October financials were approved as emailed and published on website.

Jim Woodul will present the 2024 Budget for approval at the December 5, 2023 meeting.

Louise Suhey is seeking volunteers to help at the Horseshoe Bay Pollinator garden. Please contact Terri Winter or Louise if you can help.

The Dig it editor position is still available for someone to fill. Please contact Terri if you are interested.

The Veggie Superintendent position for the Burnet County Area Fair has been filled.

Sally Baxter would like to purchase large snake plants and succulents. Please contact Terri W. or Sally if you have some she can buy.

Terri received a request from Spicewood Christian Academy seeking help with building gardens and teaching students about gardening, etc. If you are interested please contact Terri and she will get you the information.

Roxanne Dunegan gave an update on the 2024 Lawn and Garden Show to be held on 3-30-24. Progress thus far:

Marybeth Edeen is in charge of coordinating the Speakers giving presentations during the show. She is handling everything but will not be able to be there on the day of the show. Marybeth needs someone to cover for her the day of the show. If you can help, please contact Roxanne.

Emails have been sent to 140 potential vendors with "Save the Date" and information. So far, 15 have responded. Also, 12 area event calendars are posting "Save the Date" for the Lawn & Garden Show.

The donation quilt is almost complete and we will be able to see it at the 12/5 business meeting and Christmas luncheon.

Roxanne has expanded vendor booth space availability with 20 booths inside, and 20 outside.

Donations for the Silent Auction will be accepted starting in January. Please let Roxanne know if you have items to donate, and also to ask area merchants that you do business with if they would like to donate.

Lawn & Garden Show meetings for show Chairs will begin in January, starting at 1:00pm the same day as HLMGA's monthly general meeting days. (one hour before the general meeting)

2024 Certification Class: Joan Altobelli gave an update, stating the schedule and speakers are mapped out. She has flyers for members to help get the word out that registration has begun and applications & registration information is available on our website. The deadline to register is 1/3/24, and classes begin on 2/7/24. The class will need plant donations for the propagation class held on 2/14. She will ask again at the January general meeting for plant donations which can be brought to the general meeting on 2/13 for the 2/14 propagation class. All donations are very much appreciated!

2024 Officer Nominations: Carolyn Stephens presented the Nominating Committee's slate of nominees 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

Vice-President/Jennifer McMillan

There were no nominations from the floor. All in favor of the 2024 Officers as presented.

It was brought to Terri W.'s attention that several HLMGA members are also members of the Highland Lakes Master Naturalist Association and both organizations have their Christmas Party scheduled on the same day, 12/5. It was suggested that HLMGA change the 2:00 start time of our event to start at 4:00pm so that those HLMGA members that are also Master Naturalist members can attend both events. Everyone was in favor of doing this, so the 12/5 HLMGA Christmas Party will begin at 4:00pm at the Burnet AgriLife Auditorium.

Christmas Party planning/food: Linda Stoneking is in charge of coordinating the food, but was not able to attend today's meeting. The meat will be provided by HLMGA, members provide covered dishes/desserts. Marybeth Edeen graciously agreed to set up a Google doc so members can sign up for food to bring so we will have a good balance of side dishes and desserts. Entertainment will be provided also.

Terri reminded everyone to get their hours logged on VMS.

The next general meeting and Christmas party will be 12/5/23, at 4:00pm.

Meeting adjourned: 3:40pm

Submitted by,

Terri Clark/Recording Secretary