

**Highland Lakes Master Gardener Association
July 11, 2023, General Meeting Minutes
Hybrid Meeting from the Burnet AgriLife Building and via Zoom**

Call to Order: Terri Winters called the meeting to order at 3:11 pm.
Attendance in person was 48 individuals and 16 members in zoom.

Linda Stoneking introduced Steve Parsons who shared his knowledge on “The History of Chocolate.” Steve Parsons is the owner of **Chocolatte’s** in Marble Falls.

Break: 2:55

Business Meeting:

June General Meeting minutes and Financial Report were approved by attending members as posted on the HLMGA website.

Seed Library: Samantha Melvin shared information about The Seed Library that will be placed near the front doors of the AgriLife Building. It is a way to share seeds with HLMGA members and free to the public. Fill one of the seed envelopes available with up to 20 small seeds or 5 – 10 large seeds. On the outside of the envelope there of blanks to list information about the donated seed. State the degree of difficulty to germinate by putting an E for Easy, M for Medium, and D for Difficult, along with name of the seed, variety, date collected and additional useful information.

2024 Certification Class: Joan Altobelli will be the 2024 certification class coordinator.

King’s Garden is looking for a new coordinator. Marylynne Norman has volunteered to be the new coordinator.

A discussion occurred about the need to continue Zoom. The discussion will continue at the next meeting in September. If the choice is made by the HLMGA members to continue using Zoom, a coordinator will be needed.

A discussion on whether to continue with the Fall Poinsettia Fundraiser or try something different such as selling native plants? The members are asked to bring ideas for a Fall Fundraiser to the next meeting in September.

Burnet County Area Fair needs a Veggie Superintendent.

Send the current picture to Linda Stoneking by September 1 for the new member directory.

Please let Terri know if you need a new badge.

The next Green Thumb Program “Texas Superstars” presented by Gail Eltgroth, Master Gardener, will be on July 20, 2023, 2:00 – 3:00 PM. At the Lampasas County AgriLife Extension office (4009 S. Pecan St., Lampasas)

Remember!!! NO August Meeting. See you all in September.

Adjourned: 3:51

Submitted by,
Ingrid Hoffmeister