

Highland Lakes Master Gardener Association

Minutes for the General Meeting

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

Hybrid Meeting from the Burnet AgriLife Auditorium and via Zoom

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

Attendance: In person: 48 members, 20 Associates, via Zoom: 8 members

Terri Winter introduced David Waldo who spoke briefly about The Garden in Marble Falls. David asked members for help propagating veggies from seed to ensure The Garden will be in good shape come spring planting. He has seeds for tomatoes, pepper, cauliflower and cabbage. He encouraged everyone to come visit The Garden and participate in this worthwhile project.

Terri Winter called on Linda Stoneking to introduce our speaker: Samantha Melvin, presenting "Historical References for Texas Landscapes" based on Gardens in France and Italy.

Terri Winter asked associates of the 2023 Certification class to stand.

Terri Winter announced Virginie Lamb as the new refreshment coordinator.

Break: 2:48 pm

Business Meeting: Terri Winter called the meeting to order at 3:11 pm

Terri Winter thanked everyone who brought snacks for the break and reminded everyone that one volunteer hour is earned by each individual contributing snacks.

The December 6, 2022 general meeting minutes were shared and approved as emailed and published on the HLMGA website.

The December 6, 2022 financial report was shared and approved as emailed and published on the HLMGA website.

Jim Woodul, presented the 2023 HLMGA Budget. Jim asked Kerry Nyquist (2022 past treasurer) to speak briefly about the budget as Jim was not involved with putting the budget together before he took over the treasurer position in 2023. Kerry asked if anyone had questions regarding the 2023 budget as presented. Roxanne Dunegan said she will be requesting an increase of funds for the Lawn and Garden Show, but that she would do that at a later date. Motion was made and seconded to accept proposed 2023 budget as written. Attending members voted unanimously to accept 2023 budget as written. It was also announced that HLMGA has changed banks as of 1/10/23 and will now be banking at First State Bank in Burnet.

Gary Hoffman presented the Audit report. He stated this is his 5th year of doing this, gave an overview of the committee's duties and thanked his fellow audit committee members, acknowledging Lavona Fry, Jim Woodul, & Doug McCoy. The Audit committee audited the 2022 Certification class and was very pleased to announce absolutely no discrepancies.

Gail Elgroth gave an update on the new 2023 Certification class. She stated the class is full, with 34 associates registered it is one of our largest classes. She noted there are some new speakers this year, although the topics covered are basically the same as they are mandated by Texas Master Gardener. Gail encouraged members to come and sit in the back during the classes if there are topics of interest they would like to hear about again. The new class is for 10 weeks, beginning Wednesdays on February 1st in the Agrilife auditorium, 10 - 2:30. Gail asked all members who are mentoring the new class to stand. She then invited all the new associates attending the meeting to please stand for a welcome from membership.

Roxanne Dunegan gave an update about the Lawn and Garden Show to take place on Saturday, March 25th at the Agrilife auditorium and building grounds. 20 vendors have signed up to date, with spots available for 30. Co-chairs for the L&GS will meet at 1:00pm (an hour before the monthly General meeting) starting in February. Online registration for the L&GS has started for the first time. Julie

Griser is the Quilt Chair. Booth layouts will be similar to last year with the exception of the breezeway, instead utilizing area in front of the Ag building. Volunteer sheet will become available soon to help with the show. Volunteers will be needed on 3/24 when the vendors set up their booths. On Thursday, 3/23 we will have help from a prison crew that will come to move chairs and assemble tables where needed. Roxanne will have a volunteer signup sheet available at February's general meeting.

Roxanne noted it would be wonderful to have volunteers wear the new "lime green" 2023 Lawn & Garden Show T-shirts, which will be available to order online via Google Forms, and payment will be due when shirts arrive.

Silent Auction items are needed, she asked members for items to donate, and she also suggested members consider asking area merchants they do business with if they could help with donations, gift cards, etc.

Willard Horn gave update regarding the Green Thumb program as he will no longer be facilitating this. He was excited to announce that three of our members have graciously agreed to team together as co-coordinators to continue this wonderful program benefiting our community and HLMGA members. They are: Jana Barner, Sherie Ytreeide, and Connie Stein. Members were asked if anyone has talents or knowledge to share that would be helpful to this program to please let these ladies know.

Terri Winter gave the following reminders:

The 2023 meeting dates have been emailed and posted online, with the understanding that they are subject to change by the needs of the Court.

Membership dues of \$25 are due by January 31.

If anyone needs to order a new badge, please contact her before the end of February so she can get the order placed. The cost is \$7.50.

Terri reminded everyone that classes for AT hours are posted online on the HLMGA website, many classes are free, and virtual. The monthly newsletter "The Dig It" also has classes listed for AT hours. She encouraged everyone to check these postings.

Samantha Melvin (web master HLMGA website) asked all project chairs to please send her their current photo for the HLMGA website to keep it updated/fresh. Samantha also reminded everyone that the HLMGA Scholarship Fund application is now open to high school seniors interested in Horticulture. This includes Burnet High School, Faith Academy, Marble Falls High School and Home School students. The scholarship is open to all students applying to a horticultural program and is also open to those students already enrolled in a college horticultural program. Please help spread the word.

Linda Stoneking spoke about the Farmer's Market, starting in May. There is a need for ONE more weekend coordinator to volunteer ONE Saturday a month. Please let Linda know if you are able to help.

Virginie Lamb (Refreshment Coordinator) thanked everyone who brought food for the meeting.

The next general meeting will be held in the Burnet AgriLife auditorium at 2:00pm Tuesday, February 14, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 3:46.

Submitted by,
Terri Clark Co-Secretary