

**DENTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING  
May 5, 2010  
Extension Office Conference Room  
10:00 a.m.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Connie Gregory called the DCMGA Board of Directors meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. at the Texas Agrilife Extension office in Denton, TX.

In attendance were Joe Bendzick, Annell Burns, Wally Gehrke, Connie Gregory, Sue Hudiburgh, Janet Laminack, Maurine LeBeau, Adele Petty, Cindy Reese, Martin Richards, Carolyn Tinner Linda Williams, and Donna Wolfe.

II. MINUTES

Minutes for the April Board meeting were forwarded to the Board via e-mail by the Secretary, posted to the website, and available at the meeting. Janet, Martin and Connie commented that Wayne actually has not submitted a project initiation form, so Sue will delete that from the project administration section of the April minutes. The minutes were accepted with that change.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

Joe has submitted his resignation due to health issues. Joe will continue to handle receipts for the Garden Tour, and Shirley Manfredi has agreed to assume Treasurer responsibilities after the general meeting next week. The board approved the change. Thanks to Joe for his service as Treasurer this year.

Copies of the year-to-date annual budget were provided. Caroline asked about the \$500 expense for the Garden Tour, and Joe said it was money bag change. Annell asked about the income listed for the demo garden; it was income from the garden party. Martin asked about taxable merchandise; it was garden shoppe stock and income for this year.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Project Administration – Martin Richards

- a. Projects are going well.
- b. Speaker's bureau: Shirley attended the talk at the state conference and reported to Annie. We need to develop this part of our club.
- c. The Flower Mound Library series completed with excellent results.
- d. The Ask an MG booth participated in an Earth Day event.
- e. Children's Garden is going great.
- f. A written report on the demo garden was submitted.
- g. Janet had a question about Clearcreek: did they get it planted? Monique did not send a report.
- h. As of May 4, 5 people had registered for the rainwater harvesting workshop. We are not going to do a pot luck dinner but will have a dinner at Sweetwater on Tuesday and invite the membership. It isn't decided yet how that will be funded—if members will have to pay and if the participants will have to pay extra. Mary volunteered to help out, and Peggy is looking for a few more volunteers.

B. Communications – Janie Farler Janie was unable to attend.

- a. Pat Pape sent a report. The Denton Record Chronicle is scheduled to interview the Wiers. Neil Sperry didn't put us on his calendar. We did have several other online and print mentions of the Garden Tour and Plant Sale. Calloway's mentioned us in their email. Zoe was interviewed for a local TV program.
- b. The new website is still in progress. The Extension is still waiting on Jayla's approval.
- c. Mary's brochure on how to become a Master Gardener is now available.

C. Education – Wally Gehrke:

- a. Jenny Estes sent a report about JMG status. Jenny and Susan Kilpatrick have been working hard.
- b. Nancy McGinnis from Lewisville Farmer's Market wanted a speaker for the 15<sup>th</sup> (in addition to the Ask an MG booth). She contacted Donna, and Wally will do it. They also want us to provide a booth or

- speaker on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. Wally will look into it. We could rotate topics each month.
- c. InfoFest: Linda will have a meeting after garden tour.

D. Delegate at Large – Annell Burns

We are down to 7 unpaid members. Annell has contacted them all. How do we handle the last few? Linda suggested that after 3 calls, we tell them (in writing) that they will no longer be associated with the DCMGA, and they need to contact us immediately if they are still interested in being members. Annell will come up with a letter and have Connie approve.

E. County Coordinator – Janet Laminack

- a. We have 12 teachers signed up for SWAT I from Denton ISD. Janet sent the flyer to LISD but has received no response. We also have a scholarship available for books. No one has signed up for SWAT II yet.
- b. The intern training class is just about complete, and only one person dropped out. They will have a brunch at Sweetwater on the last day.
- c. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday market day (Programs on the Porch): other agents have signed up for some Saturdays. Maggie will be doing canning. Linda said we could do an Enviroscape demonstration one day. Or we could do the rainfall simulator and talk about the tall grass prairie. (Robin is trying to tie into the history theme.)

F. Volunteer Coordinator – Donna Wolfe

- a. Donna said that we have sent 75 requests for the 3-year volunteer screening for those who are due.

G. Harpool Scholarship – Adele Petty

- a. We have had only one application, but it's a good one (very qualified), a Texas Tech horticultural science major and Denton resident. Adele nominated him to receive the scholarship, Caroline seconded, and the motion passed. Thanks to Adele for handling the scholarship.
- b. In our February general meeting, there were suggestions for revisions of the scholarship rules. Connie has put together an ad hoc committee to review the rules and make recommendations. Tracy Durmick and Kristin Anthony are the committee. Mary Morrow has also been contacted.
- c. Publication of the availability of the scholarship was discussed. Adele sent information to schools, and we have advertised in the Denton Record Chronicle.

H. Mentors – Maurine LeBeau

Maurine has received a positive response from interns concerning mentors. There seems to be some confusion about recording hours. It would be helpful if we knew how they are doing on their hours so that we can help. Maurine has heard that some may not be able to complete hours due to personal reasons. Thanks to Maurine for all her work with the mentors.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Copeland Center Site for member meetings

- a. There is no charge for our use of the facility. We can reserve the room for a specific day each month, but we need to do that soon. We aren't sure if it would be available for night meetings; we need to explore that. The meeting room is much bigger. We would need to bring refreshments.
- b. We should bring up the possibility of moving our meetings to the Copeland Center at a member meeting. We could reserve it a few times and ease into it, perhaps sign up for times when we anticipate big crowds. (We would need to be sure to communicate the location.) Connie will check with Carol to see if she thinks there is a program, or perhaps Roundup, that we might do at the center this year to ease in. There is also a new county building being built on Loop 288 that we might be able to use.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS/GROUP DISCUSSION

A. Report on State Board Meeting of April 8 – Connie Gregory

- a. Connie reviewed the Treasurer's report.
- b. The outreach committee has reviewed survey results and is developing initiatives (e.g. officer training, code of ethics, improved communications).
- c. Grovesite is to be replaced by WordPress for MG websites.
- d. Glen Rose will be the site of the next state conference.
- e. Bexar County will host 2012.

- f. The next state meeting is August 7 in College Station.
- B. Garden Tour/Plant Sale – Carolyn Tinner
  - a. It sounds like the weather should be good. The pre-tour is today.
  - b. So far we have \$1000+ income, and money is still coming in.
  - c. Linda asked about a follow-up luncheon. We also need to meet to discuss InfoFest.
- C. Demonstration Garden report – Zoe Zoe was unable to attend, but Cindy was present.
  - a. Zoe submitted a written report.
  - b. A workday is scheduled for May 22, and 9 interns are signed up. Materials will be delivered the day before. Boxes will be built for the raised gardens.
  - c. The groundbreaking ceremony will be June 5 (probably). Jimmy Meredith will set up a tent with food to sell at the groundbreaking.
  - d. Cindy did a presentation at the Texas Farm Bureau, and they are interested in partnering. One of the farmers volunteered use of his tractor.
  - e. Dig TESS is done. There are no utilities except along the street.
  - f. Lush Lawn Sprinkler System is donating the water line work. Cindy is investigating what information is needed for the permit. We might be able to negotiate not having to pay for trash. Joe said we might be able to meter for irrigation only, and that might solve the trash charge problem. Irrigation people might know about that. County commissioners will pay for the water.
- D. Rainwater Harvesting Specialist Training – Peggy Durant
  - a. See above discussion under Project Administration.
- E. Other Announcements:
  - a. Veggie show is June 19.
  - b. Rototeller updates are due May 12.
  - c. Rally for InfoFest: May 26<sup>th</sup> at 10. Linda would like to talk at the general meeting about InfoFest.
  - d. Connie will attend a 2-day workshop on grant writing, so she will miss the next board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 A.M.

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 2 at 10:00 A.M.