

DENTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING

May 4, 2011 10:00

County Extension Office

I. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting chairman Jenny Estes called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 10:06 A.M. In attendance were Diane Almand, Joe Bendzick, Susan Cosio, Jenny Estes, Wally Gehrke, Monique Goodhart, Jan Hodson, Janet Laminack, Diana McMillin, Laurel Wallace, Brenda Wellenreiter, and Donna Wolfe.

II. MINUTES: Minutes for the April board meeting had previously been forwarded to the board via email by the Secretary. Printed copies were available at the meeting. The minutes were accepted as presented.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT: Copies of the financial report were provided at the meeting. Wally Gehrke reviewed the report. We received income of \$115.00 from the April road trip. Income and expenses were reported for the month of April.

The Treasurers report was accepted as presented and will be filed for audit.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Project Administration – Diane Almand

- The Veggie Show is scheduled for June and will be held at the Firefighters' Memorial Park. Susan Cosio has completed the brochure. We have a total of 18 volunteers, 11 of them are interns.
- InfoFest still needs a chairman. A discussion followed and it was suggested that we consider the Denton Bible Church as the choice location and maybe pair up with them during one of their Fall events. Brenda will talk to the Denton Bible Church and report back to the board.
- Cool Shade for Third Grade still needs a chairman.

B. Communications – Susan Cosio

Susan reported that there have been articles regarding the Garden Tour/Plant Sale in both the DRC and Dallas Neighbors To Go.

C. Education Committee – Monique Goodhart

- Monique reported on the following committees: Riding the Rails is coming up after the Garden Tour/Plant Sale. We need more volunteers. New SWaT Earth Day Celebration at Evers Elementary was a success, over 550 people attended. SWaT Training I & II is scheduled for June. Junior MG Specialist training is scheduled for September. Need project leader for InfoFest
- Ask A Master Gardener participated in the Lewisville Farmers Market. We still need volunteers for May 15, June 11, July 9, August 13 and September 10. AAMGB participated in the Redbud Festival and will participate in two new events; Celebration of Flowers and Taste in Pilot Point, and The Cupboard in Denton.
- A new Landscape Design Committee has been formed. Janet will work with the committee to investigate the possibility of working together with local community gardens for the possibility of having tours similar to the Garden Tour for these community gardens. Larry Legg volunteered to be on this committee.

D. Programs – Jenny Estes

Our May program will be on insects. Our guest speaker is Michael Bosco.

E. County Coordinator - Janet Laminack

- The TMGA conference was held in Glen Rose and hosted by Summerville and Hood Counties. We received the following awards at the State conference: First place for best medium-large association; Second place for best educational project for the Garden Tour/Plant Sale for 2010; Second place for best publication for Trees in Denton County. Attendance at the conference was in excess of 850 attendees, the largest in years. Over 20 Denton County Master Gardeners attended the conference.
- Jayla Fry will be here next Tuesday to address the intern class. She will also do hands-on training for the new online system for reporting service and advanced training hours. Anyone interested in this training is welcome to attend. The training will start at 11:00 at the extension office.
- Cost recovery – There is a \$10 million deficit at the state level. 60 extension agents are in jeopardy of losing their positions. A goal of \$4.3 million for cost recovery has been set. Educational programs will be subject to a 10% fee. This would include the intern training as well as any sponsored educational programs where a fee is collected. An example would be the Earthkind Seminar that was presented at the Copeland Center. The Garden Tour/Plant Sale would not be subject to this fee as it is considered a fund raiser.

F. Volunteer Coordinator – Donna Wolfe

InfoFest meeting is scheduled for May 24th at 10:00. Linda Williams will chair the meeting.

G. Report from Hospitality – Diana McMillan

Nothing to report.

H. Report from Scholarship - Brenda Wellenreiter

One applicant has been recommended for the \$1,000. scholarship. It was moved by Susan Cosio and seconded by Laurel Wallace that Theodore Bloechle be awarded the scholarship. Motion passed unanimously. The scholarship will be awarded to the recipient at the July membership meeting.

VI. **ANNOUNCEMENTS – GROUP DISCUSSION**

A. Resource Room – Jan Hodson

We need to have a brochure describing who we are and what we do that can be available for the many events that we participate in. Susan Cosio will work on preparing this brochure.

B. Garden Tour/Plant Sale - Laurel Wallace

All the gardens are doing last minute preparations for the tour. The DDD's have been set, brochures and hand-outs are ready. All tickets/monies have been requested to be turned in by May 7th. We are actively recruiting for volunteers and hope to have all gardens fully staffed by the day of the tour. The debriefing meeting has been set for May 23rd, 11:00 at the residence of Laurel Wallace. A potluck lunch will follow. All interested members are encouraged to attend.

C. Other Announcements:

The Rototeller deadline is May 20th.

A thank you note was received from Beth Walter, Adult Services Librarian, Flower Mound Library for our Library Lecture Series. We also received a thank you note from Barbara Burgin for our contribution of \$150. to Fair Oaks.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 A.M.

Next meeting: Wednesday June 1, 2011 at 10:00 A.M.