

DENTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING

June 1, 2011 10:00

County Extension Office

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting chairman Jenny Estes called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 10:10 A.M. In attendance were Diane Almand, Zoe Broxson, Sharon Coleman, Susan Cosio, Jenny Estes, Wally Gehrke, Monique Goodhart, Sue Hudiburgh, Laurel Wallace, and Donna Wolfe.
- II. **MINUTES:** Minutes for the May 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 currently have a balance of approximately \$21,000. in our checking account. The Garden Tour Plant Sale netted a profit of \$13,708.04. This number includes the profit year to date for the Garden Shop. These numbers will be presented to the membership at the next membership meeting.

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

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Project Administration – Diane Almand

- The Veggie Show committee is scheduled to meet today. The new flyer is completed and available for distribution. Libraries and Senior Centers are locations available for us to post our flyers.
- The InfoFest committee has met. It was agreed that the name of the event should be changed to Fall Garden Fest. The next committee meeting will be Tuesday, June 14th.
- Cool Shade for Third Grade will be chaired by Susan Loos.

B. Communications – Susan Cosio__

Publicity for Garden Veggie Show has been completed.

C. Education Committee – Monique Goodhart

Jacqueline Carney, Chairman for the Children's Garden has asked to address the board with her report. She will be on the agenda for the July Board meeting.

D. Programs – Jenny Estes

Master Naturalist Ron Fellows will be our speaker for the June membership meeting. The topic will be GPS trails and mapping in Denton.

E. County Coordinator - Janet Laminack

Janet was out of town; nothing to report.

F. Volunteer Coordinator – Donna Wolfe

- Linda Williams has agreed to run the Fall Garden Fest meetings. To date there is no chairperson for this event. The event has been renamed to Fall Garden Fest. The date has been set for October 1st and Gene Gumfy has been contacted to see if the Denton Bible Church is available. Three speakers have been lined up and we are working to sign up vendors. The theme this year will be "locavore". The enthusiastic committee will meet again on June 14, 10:00 at the extension office. All interested MG's are encouraged to attend.

- JMG conference will be hosted by us. All registration and monies need to be collected by our association...none will go through the Extension Office and/or their employees.

G. Report from Hospitality – Diana McMillan

Absent, nothing to report.

H. Report from Scholarship

The scholarship will be awarded to the recipient at the July membership meeting.

VI. **ANNOUNCEMENTS – GROUP DISCUSSION**

A. 2011 Intern Class - Zoe Broxson reported that the intern class of 2011 is now completed. Surveys were done with the class. The information from these surveys will be compiled and reported back to the board. The committee for the 2012 Intern Class is being formed. To date the following are on the committee: Zoe Broxson, Susan Cosio, Wally Gehrke, Sharon Coleman, Donna Wolfe and Monique Goodhart. The first meeting will be held in the first week of July. October will be the roundup, interviewing will start in November. Cost for the intern class will possibly need to be increased to cover the additional fees incurred from the Cost Recovery Plan.

B. Riding the Rails/SWAT – Jenny Estes

359 students attended Riding the Rails (rained out one day or attendance would be been higher). 144 volunteers participated for a total of 557 hours given to the program during the week. SWAT level 1 will be training 56 teachers, largest group yet. Volunteers are needed to assist in training of each session of 10-12 teachers. SWAT 1 training will be held June 14, 15 and 16 at Hodge Elementary. SWAT II will be held on June 21, 22, and 23rd.

C. Pay Pal Account – Zoe Broxson

Zoe reported that she has researched the possibility of our organization setting up a Pay Pal account. With the upcoming JMG conference we need a means of registering and accepting payment from attendees. A lengthy discussion followed. It was moved by Wally and seconded by Susan Cosio that we enter into a trial program with both Pay Pal and Formstack. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Membership – Zoe Broxson

Last year's membership survey was discussed and it was asked if we need to do another. The consensus is that we need to update the membership on what has been addressed from the last survey. This information should be made available to the membership in the RotoTeller and the website. Additionally, Zoe will report on the status of the survey at the next membership meeting.

E. Garden Tour/Plant Sale - Laurel Wallace

A debriefing meeting was held on May 23rd. The information from this meeting will be compiled and forwarded to the 2012 committee chair.

F. Volunteer Management System – Donna Wolfe

A demo of the new Volunteer Management System was given by Donna, Susan C. and Wally Gehrke. The board was asked to familiarize themselves with the new system. We have been selected by the state as a demo site and if all goes well we could implement the system as early as 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 P.M.

Next meeting: Wednesday July 6, 2011 at 10:00 A.M.