

DENTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING

March 2, 2011 10:00

County Extension Office

I. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting chairman Jenny Estes called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 10:02 A.M. In attendance were Diane Almand, Zoe Broxson, Susan Cosio, Jenny Estes, Wally Gehrke, Monique Goodhart, Jan Hodson, Sue Hudiburgh, Janet Laminack, Diana McMillin, Shirley Manfredi, Sandy Read, Laurel Wallace, Brenda Wellenreiter, Linda Williams and Donna Wolfe.

II. MINUTES: Minutes for the February 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. There were minimal expenses for the month of February. A donation in the amount of \$120 was received. The Treasurers report was accepted as presented and will be filed for audit.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Project Administration – Diane Almand

Diane reported that 10 interns and several other master gardeners participated in the Tree Seedling Distribution sponsored by the Denton Soil and Water Distribution. There were leftover seedlings and it was suggested that these might be made available to master gardeners at the next membership meeting for a cost of \$7.50 each.

A project manager is still needed for the Veggie Show on June 18th.

Several brown bag lunches are available for project managers. Linda W. will make a presentation on April 12th regarding InfoFest. Sandy Read will make a presentation on March 29th for the Garden Shoppe and Redbud.

B. Communications – Susan Cosio

Susan reported that the brochure for the Garden Tour/Plant Sale has been completed. It was distributed for the board to edit for any last minute changes. The brochure will go to the county print shop today.

Work continues for the AT page on the website. Website training will be conducted at the March membership meeting.

C. Education Committee – Monique Goodhart

SWAT Advisor training was presented on Feb. 17. Several MN and MG attended and were assigned as SWAT advisors to our Denton County schools. A JMG Specialist Training Workshop will be offered this year in August or September and for the first time will be hosted by DCMGA.

Guidelines for AT hours will be posted on the website. Three hours of AT credit will be given for discretionary horticulture education workshops, classes and lectures. This can be used for lectures at garden centers, clubs and other organizations. No prior approval is need for these three hours.

The Spring Library Series begins on March 23rd with a series of 5 sessions. Topics, speakers and dates have been set.

D. Programs – Jenny Estes

At the March 9th membership meeting Susan C., Mary Morrow and Sue H. will make a presentation on the DCMGA website.

Prior to the meeting there will be a garage sale of items left in inventory in the resource room.

The April road trip has been planned and will be presented to the membership. Wally will be collecting a fee of \$15.00 to confirm reservations.

The July and September membership meetings will be night meetings.

E. County Coordinator - Janet Laminack

Janet reported that 72 people attended the Earth Kind Symposium on Saturday, February 26th at the Copeland Government Center in Crossroads.

Janet announced the new partial cost recovery initiative that is being implemented throughout Texas AgriLife Extension. This is a necessary step for the agency to preserve the program delivery network throughout the state. Decision-making at the district level about cost recovery will consider impacts on local support. Currently there are some unknowns on what activities are suitable for cost recovery. Janet will keep the board up to date as she learns more

F. Volunteer Coordinator – Donna Wolfe

We have received a request from Texas Health Presbyterian located in Denton to help design a memorial meditation garden for their hospital. A request of this type has been made to us before and was turned down because it also required that we help with the maintenance. A discussion followed and it was agreed that we should pursue this request for the design of the garden but not be responsible for the maintenance.

Donna is in the process of verifying that service and advanced training hours have been met by members and that they have paid their 2011 dues. She will update the roster and have it available at the next meeting.

G. Hospitality – Diana McMillan

Recommendations for addressing the process to follow for death/illness will be presented at the next board meeting.

H. Resource Room – Jan Hodson

Jan has reorganized the resource room, twice. A pipe broke in the Co. Extension office and flooded the resource room. Fortunately, things were moved in time to prevent damage. An inventory of all items has been prepared and will be posted in the resource room.

Lost and found items will be available at the March membership meeting for members to claim. Additionally, at the March membership meeting there will be a garage sale of items in inventory that are no longer needed or of use.

Resource Library Policy and Procedures was drafted by Jan and approved by the board. They will be posted at the March membership meeting.

Tax exempt status is honored to us at several places of business. Check with Wally for this information.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – GROUP DISCUSSION

A. 2011 Interns– Zoe Broxson

The 2011 interns have completed 4 classes. Their midterm is scheduled for March 15th and we will also do a survey for their feedback. John Cooper filled in at last minute to present the lesson on soil. Brown bag lunches have all had good attendance.

B. Grant Committee – Zoe Broxson

The committee consists of experienced members and some wanting to learn to write grants. Some projects have been identified as potential grant recipients. Grant money for new projects should be reviewed by the board.

C. TMGA Board of Directors Meeting – Shirley Manfredi

Shirley and Susan Cosio attended the TMGC Board of Directors Meeting on February 19, 2011. Shirley reported on the clarification of two items. First, the guideline for our two tax free days is as follows: for purposes of the exemption, one day is counted as 24 consecutive hours. The designated one-day, tax-free sale is either the day the vendor delivers the items to the exempt organization or the day the organization delivers the items to its customers. Secondly, Janet will check the guidelines for the floral certificate as pertains to propagation to determine if additional certificates are required. The next two quarterly meetings will be held in August and December. The 2012 conference will be in San Antonio.

D. Budget – Wally Gehrke

The budget was emailed to the membership. 67 members responded; 64 approving the budget and 3 against passage. 67 members constituted a quorum and the 2011 budget was accepted.

E. Spring 2011 Garden Tour/Plant Sale – Laurel Wallace

Tickets, posters and fliers have been completed and received from the printer/county print shop. The brochure is going to go the county print shop today. Tickets will be ready to be given to the interns at our next brown bag lunch on March 8th. The membership will be given tickets at the March 9th membership meeting. The next meeting will be March 3, noon, at the extension office.

F. Meeting Place Committee – Zoe Broxson

Recommendations have been compiled and the report completed. The report will be presented at the March membership meeting.

G. Presidents Award – Sue Hudiburgh

The awards have been received. The certificate, letter and pin will be presented to the honorees at the March membership meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 P.M.

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