

DENTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING

April 6, 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, Zoe Broxson, Susan Cosio, Jenny Estes, Wally Gehrke, Monique Goodhart, Jan Hodson, Sue Hudiburgh, Janet Laminack, Diana McMillin, Kere Post, Laurel Wallace, Brenda Wellenreiter, Linda Williams and Donna Wolfe.

II. **MINUTES:** Minutes for the March 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. Receipts for the sale of items from the resource room totaled \$289.

Zoe asked for a report of expenses incurred for the Intern class. There are some items that Wally will be reallocating to correctly reflect these expenses.

Brenda has completed the quarterly audit of our budget.

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

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Project Administration – Diane Almand

We have been asked to participate in various projects in Denton Co. A discussion followed and was agreed that when possible we should participate as long as there is no maintenance or cost to our organization. Linda moved and Zoe seconded that we form a committee to assist with these request. Motion passed.

Diane reported a kickoff meeting is scheduled for April 18th for the Project Committee

A project manager is still needed for the Veggie Show on June 18th. Jenny and Diane have reviewed the material that was prepared at the conclusion of last year's show. A planning meeting has been scheduled for April 14th.

B. Communications – Susan Cosio

Susan reported that there have been articles regarding the Garden Tour/Plant Sale in several local newspapers. Additionally she is placing an ad with News To Go and working on an ad for the Denton Record Chronicle.

C. Education Committee – Monique Goodhart

Monique reported the following: SWAT Specialist training is scheduled for September 15-17. Evers Park elementary is a new school joining SWAT. The Speakers Bureau has six new speakers. The Spring Library Series has been very successful. The first two sessions have had great attendance. This week's session is anticipating an attendance of 70.

Monique has received requests from veteran MG's to be able to attend some of the intern classes. Unfortunately the facility is too small to accommodate these additional people. It was suggested that we schedule guest speakers for additional sessions with our membership for AT hours.

Wally reported that we have been asked to participate at the Lewisville outdoor farmers market. Monica Chaffin will coordinate these events.

Linda reported the Upper Trinity facility will be available for Riding the Rails. The facility is at no cost to us. The issue is the expense of bussing the children to Upper Trinity. Linda will research the possibility of Upper Trinity paying for this expense.

Diana McMillin reported that the Lewisville Rotary Club is sponsoring an Earth Day. They would like us to participate. It was suggested that Diane contact Monica Chaffin or Marlene Hoffman for materials related to "Ask the Master Gardeners" that could be used at this event. Jan Hobson will check with Monica and Marlene to set up having these materials available in the resource room for future events.

D. Programs – Jenny Estes

The April road trip has 93 paid members attending which completely funds the trip. Members are reminded to meet at the Golden Triangle Mall no later than 9:00, to bring a sack lunch and a box to bring home any items that they purchase.

E. County Coordinator - Janet Laminack

We are receiving a lot of requests from organization to help with community gardens and it is expected that we will continue to get these requests. Janet will make a project request and recruit our members who are already involved in various community gardens to this committee. AT hours will be available.

SWAT for June is full with a wait list. Aubrey and Denton will attend this year. We will need to find a larger facility for the event.

Cost Recovery will be a topic at the upcoming TMGA conference.

F. Volunteer Coordinator – Donna Wolfe

Nothing to report.

G. Hospitality – Diana McMillin.

Nothing to report.

VI. **ANNOUNCEMENTS – GROUP DISCUSSION**

A. 2011 Interns– Zoe Broxson

The result of the mid-term survey given to the interns was very positive. The 2011 class is doing well.

B. Grant Committee – Zoe Broxson

There have been no new requests for grants. The committee is looking at the possibility of using grant money from IBM for equipment for the Speakers Bureau.

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

Currently there are 1300 tickets out in circulation. It is difficult to estimate the number of tickets that have been sold because the deadline for turning in money or unused tickets is not until the week before the event. The committee is meeting every two weeks and the meetings have been well attended. We need a lot of people the day of the event; we will be recruiting helpers at an intern brown bag and also have sign-ups available at the road trip.

The post tour of the gardens has been scheduled from May 9th.

D. Graduation Location - Jenny Estes

Jenny will put a committee together to research different locations and/or venues for the graduation dinner for next January.

E. Clothes Drive – Linda Williams

Linda proposed that we have an offering to the membership this fall for ordering MG clothing. The membership would prepay for any orders. Linda will research and report her findings.

F. Scholarship – Brenda

The committee has received one application.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 A.M.

Next meeting: Wednesday May 4, 2011 at 10:00 A.M.