

DENTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

August 3, 2011 10:00 A.M.
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, Joe Bendzick, Zoe Broxson, Kay Brynum, Jacqueline Carney, Susan Cosio, Jenny Estes, Wally Gehrke, Monique Goodhart, Sue Hudiburgh, Janet Laminack, Clarice Luce, Sandy Read, Laurel Wallace, Linda Williams and Donna Wolfe.

II. **MINUTES:** Minutes for the July 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. Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented and will be filed for audit.

IV. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. Project Administration – Diane Almand

Thank you notes were sent to those who helped with the Veggie Show.

Susie Cook and Connie Watts are the new Co-Project Leads for the Herb Study Group. The group meets at the extension office at 9:00 on the last Monday of each month.

Cool Shade for Third Grade will be chaired by Susan Loos.

B. Communications – Susan Cosio

The Communications Committee has met and working on revisions/corrections to our handbook. Next step is to review the by-laws to make sure they agree with the handbook. It is recommended that these documents be reviewed semi-annually.

All files will be backed up on an external hard drive housed at the extension office. The Handbook and By-Laws will be converted to pdf files on the website and available to the membership.

C. Education Committee – Monique Goodhart

Wally is working on updating our audio visual equipment.

2012 Intern Committee - Zoe, Donna and Janet have confirmed some of the guest speakers for the 2012 intern class. We have received 13 applications via FormStack for potential 2012 interns. The intern roundup is scheduled for October 26th. The committee will meet again on September 9th.

The Landscape/Design team is working on putting together a seminar. Carol Rowley is chairing this committee.

Jacqueline Carney, Chairman for the Children's Garden addressed the board with her report. 102 hours have been given to the children and a total of 130 volunteer hours. Seven children participated at the Veggie Show; they all won ribbons. It was recommended that we consider merging the Children's Garden with other projects to enable us to expand the program. Jacqueline will make some inquiries and report back at the next board meeting.

D. Programs – Jenny Estes

Randy Weston of Weston Gardens, will be the guest speaker at the August membership meeting.

E. County Coordinator - Janet Laminack

FormStack is now online with a total of 8 different forms. JMG Specialist Training participants and prospective 2012 interns have used the new online service.

The County Health Dept. has approached us for help with a garden. Currently there are 8 members on the garden task force. Larry Legg is heading up the task force.

F. Volunteer Coordinator – Donna Wolfe

There currently are 26 participants signed up for JMG Specialist Training on September 15-17.

G. Report from Hospitality – Clarice Luce

Everything is going well. Plans are being finalized for the hospitality for JMG Specialist Training. A committee has been formed for the Christmas party luncheon. Plans are ongoing for January's graduation of the 2011 intern class.

H. Report from the Garden Shoppe – Sandy Read

Sandy distributed her report showing current inventory and income/expenses. To date for 2011 the Garden Shoppe has made a net profit of \$2198.12. The Garden Shoppe will be open at the August membership meeting. Additionally the Garden Shoppe will be at the JMG Specialist Training in September and at the Fall Garden Fest in October. Additional inventory is needed to be able to participate in all of the before mentioned. It was moved by Laurel that the Garden Shoppe be given an amount of \$499.99 for the purchase of additional inventory. The motion was seconded by Wally Gehrke and passed unanimously.

V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS – GROUP DISCUSSION**

A. Salvation Army – Joe Bendzick

The Salvation Army is in need of donations. They currently are providing both breakfasts and dinners to those in need as well as overnight stays. Because of the current budget cuts they are in need of donations. Joe will make an announcement and distribute a handout to our membership at the August meeting asking for donations.

B. IBM Grant – Sue Hudiburgh

Our request for a grant from IBM must be completed by the end of August. A discussion followed regarding our needs. A motion was made by Zoe that we ask for audio/visual equipment, i.e., projector, pointer and screen. The motion was seconded by Linda and passed unanimously.

C. Member Opinion Survey - Zoe Broxson

Zoe and Sue Hudiburgh are working on getting the latest Member Opinion survey online. Additionally members can respond by hard copy. Results from the survey should be completed by mid October so they can be available for the November retreat.

D. Nomination Committee – Jenny Estes

The Nomination Committee will be chaired by Vice President Diane Almand. Our by-laws require that a slate of candidates be presented to the membership through the DCMGA newsletter, website or email at least one month prior to election at the November DCMGA membership meeting. All nominees for officers must be active members in good standing.

E. 2012 Garden Tour/Plant Sale – Jenny Estes

A discussion was held regarding planning of the 2012 Garden Tour/Plant Sale. Linda Williams was asked to form and chair a committee to discuss plans and make recommendations for the 2012 event. The committee will report back at the next board meeting.

F. Fall Garden Fest – Linda Williams

The Fall Garden Fest will be on October 1st at the Denton Bible Church. Four speakers have been confirmed for the event. There are approximately 14 Master Gardener booths and over 30 vendor booths. Also planned is a silent auction, door prizes, music and food concessions by the 4-H. In Linda's absence, Dale Powell will be the chairman the day of the event. Sandy Read will be on the agenda for the August membership meeting to report on the progress of the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

Next meeting: Wednesday September 7, 2011 at 10:00 A.M.