

**DENTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING**

December 7, 2011 10:00 A.M.

The Home of Jenny Estes

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting chairman Jenny Estes called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 11:07 A.M. In attendance were Diane Almand, Zoe Broxson, Jacqueline Carney, Susan Cosio, Jenny Estes, Monique Goodhart, Linda Harvey, Jan Hodson, Janet Laminack, Phyllis Minton, Dale Powell, Sandy Read, Claude Singer, Laurel Wallace, Brenda Wellenreiter, Linda Williams and Donna Wolfe.

II. **MINUTES:** Minutes for the November 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:** - Brenda Wellenreiter

Brenda reported income for the month of November was \$3,169.95 and expenses were \$857.85. As of November 30th the balance in our checking account is \$16,997.37. The balance of our money market account as of September 20<sup>th</sup> is \$17,851.92. Brenda reported that the Garden Shoppe's profit year to date is \$2,386.14. Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented and will be filed for audit.

IV. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. Project Administration – Diane Almand

Nominations for the 2011 DCMGA Awards have been finalized. Ballots will be given to the membership at the December membership meeting.

B. Communications – Susan Cosio

Nothing to report.

C. Education Committee – Monique Goodhart

Zoe announced that we are investigating moving the location of our 2012 intern classes to Global Spheres Center in Corinth. This will enable us to increase the size of our 2012 intern class to 40. Additionally, the space would allow for veterans to attend these classes. A discussion followed. And it was suggested by Jan Hodson that we consider allowing 10 veterans to attend per session and a fee of \$10.00 per class. This money could be designated for future intern scholarships. The education committee will follow up on this suggestion.

D. County Coordinator - Janet Laminack

On Thursday, January 5, 2012, Jayla Fry will conduct training for the new incoming board.

E. Volunteer Coordinator – Donna Wolfe

Recorded service hours for DCMGA 2012 as of November 30<sup>th</sup> is 10,746. This number will increase as members report/update their hours throughout the month of December.

V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS – GROUP DISCUSSION**

A. Retreat – Zoe Broxson

Six breakout groups were formed to discuss six topics that the membership had voted on at the November membership meeting as important issues for our organization. Each group reviewed and discussed the topic and submitted a recommendation to the board. A compilation of this information was presented to the board and is attached to these minutes. Jan Hodson suggested that these

recommendations should be presented to the membership for a vote. A discussion pursued and it was decided that the board would further discuss this item at the January board meeting.

B. Handbook Update – Brenda Wellenreiter

Brenda has updated the handbook. Copies of the revised handbook had been previously distributed to the board. Zoe moved that we approve the revised handbook, seconded by Laurel and passed unanimously.

C. Christmas Party & Graduation/Awards Ceremony – Jenny Estes

Christmas Party will be held on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 at the Ben E. Keith location. Thank you to Dee Payne, Marti Wingo and Pat Pape for all their work in planning and preparing for the Christmas party.

The graduation dinner will be held on January 11<sup>th</sup> at the Oakmount Country Club. The invitation to the graduation dinner for the interns has been completed by Susan Cosio. Intern hours will be verified before the invitations are sent to the interns. Veteran MG's have received an online Evite.

D. State Awards and JMG Request – Jenny Estes

State Award requests must be submitted by February 3<sup>rd</sup> for review by the State in case there are any errors. It was suggested that Janie Farler be asked to proof the requests before submission.

We have received a grant that will be used for the SWaT program to provide learning tubs to the schools. Zoe moved that we approve an additional amount of \$499.00 for the SWaT program; it was seconded by Susan and passed unanimously.

E. Scholarships – Jenny Estes

Linda Harvey requested that when the scholarship committee meets that the 4-H members be considered for scholarships. This information will be passed on to the new board for consideration.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012, time to be determined.

**ADDENDUM TO  
DENTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION  
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DECEMBER 7, 2011**

Due to the importance of continuity to the 2012 Plant Sale/ Garden Tour Event, an email Board vote was taken on Dec. 7th on the SEAT recommendation.

The recommendation from the SEAT Committee:

After listening to the pros and cons of our members at the recent retreat both in small group discussion and a poll from the entire retreat participants, reflecting on volunteer requirements and overall quality of both the Garden Tour and Plant Sale as fundraisers for our organization, the SEAT Committee recommends that the Plant Sale and Garden Tour be split in the upcoming 2012 year.

The vote of the board was to accept the recommendation and split the events. The vote passed unanimously.