

**DENTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING**

November 2, 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 10:04 A.M. In attendance were Diane Almand, Zoe Broxson, Susan Cosio, Jenny Estes, Monique Goodhart, Sue Hudiburgh, Janet Laminack, Diana McMillin, Phyllis Minton, Dale Powell, Laurel Wallace, Brenda Wellenreiter, Linda Williams and Donna Wolfe.

II. **MINUTES:** Minutes for the October 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. The secretary reported that minutes are not being published to the general membership until they have been approved by the board.

III. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** - No report
Wally Gehrke has resigned his position as treasurer due to health problems. A discussion was held on how to fill this position. It was moved by Linda and seconded by Monique that we appoint Brenda Wellenreiter as interim treasurer through the remainder of the year. Motion passed unanimously. Brenda will work with Wally, Dale Powell and Jacqueline Carney to assist in a smooth transition to the 2012 treasurer.

Jenny reported that there were additional expenses for books the JMG Specialist training. With this additional expense the training still netted a profit of \$2600.

IV. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. Project Administration – for Diane Almand

- Election of Officers – A written slate of officers with background information on each candidate was distributed at the October membership meeting. An oral vote will be taken at the November membership meeting.
- Awards Nominations 2011 – Nominations will be made at the November membership meeting and will be voted on at the December membership meeting.

B. Communications – Susan Cosio

Susan and Brenda are working to update the handbook for all changes and additions that have occurred during 2011. Included will be the newly formed Sunshine Gardeners committee, a volunteer adhoc committee.

C. Education Committee – Monique Goodhart

There will be no fall library series this year. The incoming 2012 committee chair will be advised to plan for the series next year.

D. County Coordinator - Janet Laminack

The TCMGA conference will be held on May 3, 4, and 5, 2012 in San Antonio.

E. Volunteer Coordinator – Donna Wolfe

Redbud Festival date is April 21, 2012.

F. Report from Hospitality – Diana McMillin

- Graduation/Installation of Officers dinner. -- The Oakmount Country Club has been chosen as the location for our dinner to be held on January 11th.
- Retreat - The annual retreat is scheduled for November 30th. An email will be sent out asking members to RSVP. Refreshments/lunch will be provided by the association.

V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS – GROUP DISCUSSION**

A. Round Up – 30 people attended the round-up. There currently are 47 applicants. Space at the Denton Bible Church has been offered to us allowing for a larger class of interns, up to 40. A committee will visit the facility next week to see if the facility addresses our needs to hold our classes there.

Interviews for intern candidates will begin this week. The interviews will be conducted by teams of two, one experienced interviewer paired with someone new to the interviewing process. A meeting is scheduled for December 6th at which time the final intern candidates will be announced as well as the decision regarding class size and class location.

B. S.E.A.T. (Special Events Advisory Team) Committee -- Linda Williams

The committee met on November 1st. The committee will consist of a maximum of 10 members. The members will be selected from previous chairs of the Garden Tour, Plant Sale, Fall Garden Fest an intern and the current Vice President. The current members are Linda Williams, Dale Powell, Carolyn Tinner, Zoe Broxson, Mary Morrow, Shirley Manfredi, Susan Loos, and Laurel Wallace. The mission statement of the committee is as follows: “To provide the framework and continuity of special events as determined by the board of directors.”

The committee is currently recruiting for chairs, co-chairs and mentors for the Garden Tour, the Plant Sale and the Fall Garden Fest. A garden selection committee will be formed to select gardens for the garden tour.

The committee is recommending that the Garden Tour and Plant Sale be split to two events and held on two different days. This recommendation and setting dates for the events will be discussed at the upcoming Retreat.

C. Fall Garden Fest –Dale Powell

A debriefing meeting was held on October 19th. There was discussion on the possibility of changing the number of speakers and the location of the event. Because this year’s event had the largest attendance and was very successful, the consensus was to keep the format and location the same as this year. Dale has agreed to chair the 2012 Fall Garden Fest.

D. Membership Renewal - Sue Hudiburgh

The membership renewal application has been updated and will be available at the November membership meeting. A discussion followed regarding if we should put the application on-line and open a pay-pal account payment of dues by the members. If we used pay-pal there would be an approximate charge of 65 cents per transaction. The discussion was tabled until it can be researched further.

E. Retreat - Zoe Broxson

The retreat will be held on November 30th, 10:00 at the extension office. Six breakout groups will be formed to discuss important issues that were voted on at the October membership meeting.

F. December Board Meeting - Jenny Estes

The December board meeting will be held at the home of Jenny Estes. The current year's board members and the new incoming 2012 board meetings are invited. Please bring a food dish to share and also a \$10.00 wrapped, white elephant gift.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 P.M.

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