



**Fort Bend County Master Gardeners, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
June 14, 2011**

Attendees –

Board Members Present: Brenda Dresner, Ginny Grant, Jane Gray, Peg Turrentine, Marilyn Almon, Nat Gruesen, Becky Leugemors, Arnold Knoche, Gwen Heck

Board Members Absent: Barbara Buckley, Barbara Brannon

Extension Service Master Gardener Coordinators Present:
CEA - Horticulture – Shari Grahmann, Ph.D.

Master Volunteer Coordinator, Fort Bend County – Margo McDowell

Quorum Present? Yes

Call to Order –Jane Gray called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes – After a motion by Nat Gruesen and a second by Arnold Knoche, the minutes of the May 10, 2011, Board meeting were approved by all.

Officer and Committee Reports:

President – Jane Gray

- No written report. Jane thanked everyone for their help with the Andrea Wulf program.

Vice President – Peg Turrentine

- No written report.

Secretary – Gwen Heck

- No written report

Treasurer – Arnold Knoche

- Written report, attached. Received a refund check from Dave Wilson Nursery.
- Jane-went over the breakdown of expenses for the Andrea Wulf program.

Past President – Nat Gruesen

- No written report

Awards – Open

Communications – Barbara Buckley

- No written report.

Community Relations – Brenda Dresner

- No written report.

Education-Ginny Grant

- No written report.
- Elizabeth Barrow will be the speaker for the June monthly meeting.
- Speakers are booked through February.
- Kids Kamp went well.

Fundraising – Barbara Brannon

- Absent, no written report
- Had meeting on June 13th for the Fruit Tree Sale.
- One refund made to buyer pertaining to problem with Persimmon tree purchased at Fruit Tree Sale.
- Tony Woods will be coming out tomorrow.

Landscape –Becky Leugemors

- No written report.
- Vegetable garden soil has been transferred to the new garden.
- The Native Garden porch has been enlarged.
- The Japanese Garden looks good!
- Still need more signs in gardens.

Member Relations – Marilyn Almon

- No written report.
- 13/18 graduates have paid their dues.
- Field trip scheduled for June 23rd to Moody Gardens-Rainforest Pyramid
- Pat Davis will be the chair of the fall garden tour on Sunday November 6th.
- A member has asked Marilyn to include zip codes on member roster. After discussion, it was decided to not make changes to the web information.
- Margo-give zip code list to the member that requested it.

Standing Committee Reports:

Governance Committee

- No written report.

Extension Service Master Gardener Coordinators Reports:

CEA – Horticulture – Shari Grahmann. Ph.D.

- No written report.
- Ag Expo had 600+ kids. Recognition to master gardeners. Will continue to use the new location in the future.
- City of Rosenberg entrance signs are not being maintained. Event coming up around Arbor Day, need assistance in planning.
- Ag'Tivity Barn-Theme will be *75 years-What A Ride*. We will have a bigger tent, educational games and a new location.

Master Volunteer Coordinator, Fort Bend County – Margo McDowell

- No written report.
- Next graduation will be on October 27th.
- Next class will start after the Fall Fair, no set date at present.

Other:

Old Business:

1. Partial Cost Recovery
 - Jane ask Shari what other counties are doing. Shari says that other counties are charging for everything.
 - Ginny-we need to budget for next year.
 - Discussion-need to plan events.
 - A motion was made by Nat Gruesen and seconded by Ginny Grant to submit two separate checks totaling \$1,150.00 toward Cost Recovery for the Andrea Wulf event and Kids Kamp, (115 attendees). Motion passed.
2. Action item spreadsheet-nothing new.
3. Term Limits for Directors
 - Nat-nothing in the by-laws. President appoints Directors subject to approval of the Board.
 - Discussion-Term limits encourages new members to become active members. Verbiage should be the same as the officers, with no more than two successive terms allowed.
 - Nat-will work on verbiage and send out a sample to all board members for their review.

New Business:

1. Authorization to order pins
 - Margo would like to order pins(Texas shape with bluebonnets) and Master Gardener Magnets for cars. She will check on pricing and let the board know, regarding cost. This cost would go under Board operations.
2. Greenhouse repairs
 - Shari-greenhouse is not a sealed structure anymore. It has holes and needs to be professionally evaluated.
 - County will probably say it is not a necessary expense.
 - Discussion-contact Montgomery County to see whom they used to repair their greenhouse.

Jane Gray adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 9th, at 6:30 p.m. at the Annex building.

Respectfully submitted,
Gwen Heck, Secretary
Fort Bend County Master Gardeners, Inc.

Addendum:

1. Pins-On June 17th an e-mail vote was taken and passed to allow for the expenditure of \$675.00 for 300 Texas Bluebonnet pins from Plano Pin Company at a cost of \$2.25 each.
2. Master Gardener Car Magnets-On August 3rd, an e-mail vote was taken and passed authorizing an expenditure up to \$625.00 for the purchase of 250 magnets at a cost of \$2.35 each.