



**Fort Bend County Master Gardeners, Inc.  
Board of Directors Meeting  
March 5, 2011**

**Attendees –**

*Board Members Present:* Jodie Douglass, Barbara Buckley, Ginny Grant, Jane Gray, Peg Turrentine, Marilyn Almon, Arnold Knoche, Gwen Heck

*Board Members Absent:* Becky Leugemors, Brenda Dresner, Nat Gruesen, Barbara Brannon

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 Jodie Douglass and a second by Peg Turrentine, the minutes of the February 8, 2011, Board meeting were approved by all.

**Officer and Committee Reports:**

President – Jane Gray

- No written report. Thanked everyone for all their hard work during the Spring Plant Sale.

Vice President – Peg Turrentine

- No written report

Secretary – Gwen Heck

- No written report

Treasurer – Arnold Knoche

- Written report attached
- Marilyn questioned where the propane cost would be placed in the budget. Barbara says that the first \$500.00 would be under plant sale expenses (growing the vegetables). The second \$500.00 will be under greenhouse expenses.
- Peg-Propane expense will continue to increase.
- Margo-Next year, we should prepare for greenhouse expenses in the budget.
- Arnold-questions where credit machine should be stored. After discussion, it was decided that it should be brought back to the office where it can be locked up.
- Arnold-Our debit card has a \$500.00/day limit. Magnolia Nursery could not be paid with it. Marilyn payed with a credit card. After discussion by board, it was decided to keep the limit as it is.
- Margo-we have an old credit card machine in office. Peg and Ginny recommended that the plate be taken off and then it can be disposed of.

Past President – Nat Gruesen

- Absent, no written report.

Awards – Jodie Douglass

- No written report.

Communications – Barbara Buckley

- Written report attached.

Community Relations – Brenda Dresner

- Absent, no written report.

Education-Ginny Grant

- Written report attached.
- Jolene Maurer has resigned from Education Committee.
- Jane-Board needs to help members re-focus on volunteer work now that the sales are over.
- Ginny-Would like to bring in speakers to give a few presentations to the public this year. Hard to find free facilities.
- Ginny-at the next monthly meeting, we will have one door prize for members and one for the public. These will be Dr. Randall's book.

Fundraising – Barbara Brannon

- Absent, no written report.

Landscape –Becky Leugemors

- Absent, no written report.

Member Relations – Marilyn Almon

- No written report.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

Governance Committee

- No written report.

**Extension Service Master Gardener Coordinators Reports:**

CEA – Horticulture – Shari Grahmann. Ph.D.

- Absent, no written report.

Master Volunteer Coordinator, Fort Bend County – Margo McDowell

- Having a plumbing problem outside. Area outside of kitchen will be ripped up tomorrow.
- A table is missing from Building D, at the Fairgrounds. May need to count tables and chairs in Building D, before the sales. We will also need a form to sign off on after the count.

**Other:**

**Old Business:**

1. Term limits for Directors-tabled
2. Action Item Spreadsheet-no new items.

**New Business:**

1. "Sales Celebration and State of the Union" with Jayla Fry-April 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Jane asked that the board act as host for the dinner. Come at 5 pm to set-up.
  - Jane will have a pie graph for her presentation, showing how we use the money made from the plant sales.

Jane Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 12th at 6:30 p.m. at the Annex building.

Respectfully submitted with corrections,  
Gwen Heck, Secretary  
Fort Bend County Master Gardeners, Inc.  
April 14, 2011

## Education Committee Report

March 12, 2011

### Entomology Group

February 26: Insect class for Spring 2011 Associates

### Green Thumb Program

January: Gardening to Attract Butterflies and Hummingbirds; 11 guests, 9 Master Gardeners

February: Year-Round Vegetable Gardening; 20 guests, 4 Master Gardeners

March: Home Lawn Care

### Monthly MG Program

February: Spring Vegetable Gardening presented by Master Gardeners Peg Turrentine and Joe Vinson

March: Organic Gardening by Bob Randall, Ph.D.

April: "Waste to Wow", by Loela Barry. Recycling materials and plants converted into floral arrangements and decorations

May: "Founding Gardeners", American founding fathers and how their attitudes toward gardening and agriculture helped shape America, presented by Andrea Wulf. Jointly hosted by FBCMG, Sugar Land Garden Club and Texas Rose Rustlers at Sugar Land Community Center

### Speakers Bureau

February: 2 programs scheduled for area garden clubs

March: 4 programs: 2 garden clubs, Jackson Cty Master Gardeners & HOA members

April: 3 programs scheduled

### Youth Activities

JMG: Jane Long JMG group, Garden Gurus, LCISD, 23 members participating; Pond life study activity

February 16: Schiff ES, Fort Bend ISD; Vermiculture program for Go Green Club; 74 students & 8 teachers attended. Created bin science lab; classrooms are participating in care

February 18: Kilpatrick ES, Katy ISD; discuss JMG program and establishing school butterfly garden

February 19: Calvary Church; Stafford; discuss JMG program and establishing community garden

March 3: Wild West 4-H Club, Fulshear; JMG activity, "Plant People", 30 children & 21 parents

March 26: Fort Bend Museum Children's Day

April 2: Cub Scout Troops; MG Garden Tour and Badge Activity

April 9: Cinco Ranch Nature Adventure

## **Communications Report March 2011 Board Meeting**

Submitted by Barbara Buckley, Communications Director

This report provides information and numbers for February 2011.

- 1 Website – Barbara Buckley**  
Visitors from 1 February 2010 to 28 Feb, 2011: **155,013**  
Visitors in Jan. 2011: **12,375** Visitors in February 2011: **12,266**
  
- 2 FBMG Blog - Barbara Buckley**  
Visitors from 1 February 2010 to 28 Feb. 2011: **56,285**  
Visitors in Jan. 2011: **3,896** Visitors in February 2011: **3,147**
  
- 3 Facebook – Cindy Pack**  
Number of members as of 1 Feb. 2011: **84**  
February announcements were posted for the Spring Plant Sale, Green Thumb, Monthly Program and Saturday workday.
  
- 4 Publicity – Mary Ellen Twiss**  
Notices were sent to local newspapers, magazines, and websites with information about events for March and April. Additionally a quarter page ad was sent to the Herald advertising the Spring Plant sale.