



**Fort Bend County Master Gardeners, Inc.  
Board of Directors Meeting  
March 2, 2010**

**Attendees –**

*Board Members Present:* Brenda Dresner, Glenn Dresner, Jodie Douglass, Robert Goehring, Ginny Grant, Jane Gray, Peg Turrentine, Marilyn Almon, Gwen Heck

*Board Members Absent:* Barbara Brannon, Nat Gruesen

*AgriLife Extension Advisor Present:*

Master Volunteer Coordinator, Fort Bend County – Margo McDowell

*AgriLife Extension Advisor Present:*

CEA - Horticulture – Shari Koch

*Quorum Present? Yes*

**Call to Order** –Jane Gray called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:37p.m.

**Approval of the Minutes** – After a motion by Glenn Dresner and a second by Jodie Douglass, the minutes of the March 2, 2010 Board meeting were approved by all.

**Officer and Committee Reports:**

President – Jane Grey

- No written report.
- A letter to all members was sent out today regarding sale of mulch

Vice President – Glenn Dresner

- No written report
- Will go over Action Item Tracking Record under old business

Secretary – Gwen Heck

- No written report

Treasurer – Peg Turrentine

- Profit from Fruit Tree Sale is \$17,965.11 as of now. There may be other expenses that have not been submitted as of this date.

Past President – Nat Gruesen

- Absent, no written report

Awards – Jodie Douglass

- No written report

Communications – Robert Goehring

- No written report
- There will be no Grapevine this month

Community Relations – Brenda Dresner

- No written report
- Need 5 people to help with speakers
- March program-Utopian Art. Susan Petroski will present container gardens

Fundraising – Barbara Brannon

- Absent, no written report. Marilyn reported for her.
- For the Perennial sale, we will be buying with other wholesalers. Marilyn and Tricia Bradbury are in charge of this. Montgomery County master gardeners are assisting them with this new endeavor.
- Master Gardeners will do the pre-sale presentations to the public.
- Will be serving food at the pre-sale meeting on Tuesday.
- We will have multiple deliveries on Friday. Will need help through-out the day.
- Entomology group will have an exhibit. Will also have a raised bed exhibit and information on Earthkind principles for the public
- Glenn reminds us that we still need sawhorses
- Ginny says that the barn layout will be different than the fruit tree sale.

Landscape –Open

- Jane says that the garden chairs will be the landscape committee for now
- Margo-Horse manure from a rancher has been delivered

Member Relations – Marilyn Almon

- No written report
- We now have 164 names on the website
- Workday this Saturday

Youth Activities – Ginny Grant

- Written report attached
- Reminds us of Ag Life on May 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. We will have a master gardener vegetable section

## **Standing Committee Reports:**

### Governance Committee

- Gwen reports that the committee is still working on the changes.

## **Extension Service Advisor Reports:**

### CEA – Horticulture – Shari Koch

- No written report

### Master Volunteer Coordinator, Fort Bend County – Margo McDowell

- No written report

## **Other:**

### **Old Business:**

#### Compost Sale

- Peg reminds us the compost is getting old
- Glenn-says that the goal of the sale is to get rid of the mulch and/or break even.
- Jane-someone will need to supervise the sale. Ginny volunteers to supervise between 9-12 on Saturday.
- Glenn-Motion made that the letter be sent out as written. Second by Jodie. Motion carried.

#### Action Item Spreadsheet

#2. Inventory of equipment-Margo-done. Will e-mail list

#6. Flags-Brenda-will pick up flags

#7. Endorsements-Robert-done

#9. Gazebo use-Shari-done-Gazebo not advertized for use. Talk to Melody.

#11. Quarterly financial review-Peg-in progress

#13. Appreciation dinner for Heidi-Margo-table till after sale

#22. Plaque-Brenda-needs names and year of recipients

#### Gazebo Dedication

- Jane-would like open house for all gardens instead.
- Marilyn-could invite all master gardeners as a reunion
- Ginny-would like dignitaries invited
- Margo-all departments throughout the county should be invited
- Peg-consider April/May/June when gardens are at their peak.
- Brenda-should let garden chairs know-goal to look forward to

#### Fence

- Shari-check with county for restrictions/permission
- Storage of soil, mulch, gravel should be landscape director's decision

## **New Business:**

### Shelving-

- Jodie says she needs shelving for merchandise. Right side of closet not functional with wasted space.
- Glenn-will check and see what he can do

### Addendum-

- Kathy Hulfish and Marlene Shobe have been nominated for co-landscape chairs. Jane states that Kathy has an artistic eye and has agreed to take Dr. Welch's series of landscape courses when offered. Marlene has an extensive landscape experience.
- An e-vote was taken on 3/17/2010 to have Kathy Hulfish and Marlene Shobe work as co-chairs of landscape, and was approved by the executive board. Marlene has since withdrew her name, wishing to remain as Japanese chairperson.

Jane Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., Extension Annex Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Heck

Secretary, Fort Bend County Master Gardeners, Inc.

Submitted April 6, 2010

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Youth Activities  
Ginny Grant  
March 1, 2010

JMG Meetings – Briargate Elementary, FBISD – Extended Day Program  
Ongoing JMG activities; Nature Masks activity on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

JMG Meetings – Schiff Elementary, FBISD – ongoing meetings  
Garden beds have been installed; espaliered Dorsett Golden apple tree planted last week; children have planted vegetable and flower seeds in the science lab, in-the-ground planting day scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The "Go-Green" Garden Club has 110 members; registering as a JMG group.

JMG Program – Smith Elementary, LCISD

LCISD changed TAKS preparation so JMG program was cancelled; FBCMG Entomology Group presented Beneficial Insect program to 100+ 4<sup>th</sup> graders.

JMG & Garden Meetings – St. Laurence Catholic School, Sugar Land  
Meetings with the Assistant Principal and Early School Teachers to discuss reestablishing habitat garden as a classroom activity; prepared garden plan and plant recommendations.

AgriLife Expo - May 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> – ongoing committee meetings  
Extension's ag-literacy program for Fort Bend County 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. Master Gardeners are responsible for the "Vegetable" section of the program.

Earth-Kind<sup>®</sup> Kids Kamp - June 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> – ongoing committee meetings  
Wildlife Gardener curriculum will be basis for this summer's Kamp.