



**Fort Bend County Master Gardeners, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
May 10, 2011**

Attendees –

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

Board Members Absent: Barbara Brannon, Brenda Dresner, Jodie Douglass, Barbara Buckley

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 6:30p.m.

Approval of the Minutes – After a motion by Peg Turrentine and a second by Nat Gruesen, the minutes of the April 12, 2011, Board meeting were approved by all.

Officer and Committee Reports:

President – Jane Gray

- No written report. The State Master Gardener Conference had a great variety of speakers. Everyone had a good time.

Vice President – Peg Turrentine

- No report.

Secretary – Gwen Heck

- No report.

Treasurer – Arnold Knoche

- Written report attached
- Expenses for the new bins will come out of the budget under landscape structure and maintenance.

Past President – Nat Gruesen

- No report.

Awards – Jodie Douglass

- Absent, no report.
- Jodie has resigned, effective May 15th. Jane request anyone interested in this position, let her know.

Communications – Barbara Buckley

- Written report attached, absent.

Community Relations – Brenda Dresner

- No report, absent.

Education-Ginny Grant

- Written report attached

Fundraising – Barbara Brannon

- Absent, no written report
- Committee meeting scheduled for May 23rd.
- Ginny-liked Comparison chart that Arnold made.
- Marilyn-we will be getting a refund from Dave Wilson Nursery.

Landscape –Becky Leugemors

- No written report.
- Ginny-The Jackson County Master Gardeners enjoyed their garden tour.
- The native store is up. The Earth-kind trial rose garden has been taken out. The edging has been moved to the Japanese garden.
- Starting on bulk bins.

Member Relations – Marilyn Almon

- No report.

Standing Committee Reports:

Governance Committee

- No report.
- Jane-term limits for directors needs to be worked on

Extension Service Master Gardener Coordinators Reports:

CEA – Horticulture – Shari Grahmann. Ph.D.

- We will be having an Earth-kind Vegetable Trial Garden. We will be able to water, but not use any fertilizer.
- Having Ag Expo this week-going good.

Master Volunteer Coordinator, Fort Bend County – Margo McDowell

- Graduation is on May 26th. Request all board members attend, if possible.
- The fall class will start after the Fair and be only for 7 weeks.

Other:

Old Business:

1. Partial cost recovery update
 - Shari says that we may lose 60 agents throughout the state, to be decided in August.
 - Monthly programs will not be charged.
 - Peg-she could do a rain chain class
 - Jane-we need to do some type of class this summer

2. Spreadsheet-nothing new
3. June Monthly program with Adrea Wulf-ready to go, may even come off below budget. Credit machine will be used. Books have been ordered.

New Business: none

Jane Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 14th, at 6:30 p.m. at the Annex building.

Respectfully submitted with corrections,
Gwen Heck, Secretary
Fort Bend County Master Gardeners, Inc.
June 15, 2011

Communications Report May 2011 Board Meeting

Submitted by Barbara Buckley, Communications Director

This report provides information and numbers for April 2011.

- 1 **Website** – Barbara Buckley
Visitors from 1 April 2010 to 30 April, 2011: **155,747**
Visitors in March, 2011: **14,337** Visitors in April 2011: **12,064**
- 2 **FBMG Blog** - Barbara Buckley
Visitors from 1 April 2010 to 30 April, 2011: **53,099**
Visitors in March, 2011: **3,215** Visitors in April 2011: **2,727**
- 3 **Facebook** – Cindy Pack
Number of members as of 30 April, 2011: **87**
February announcements were posted for 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 April, May and June.

Education Committee Report

Entomology Group

No programs scheduled until July.
Continuing work on butterfly cards.

Green Thumb Program

March: Home Lawn Care; 10 attendees
April: Insecticides, Herbicides & Fungicides for Home Use
May: Herbs

Monthly MG Program

April: "Waste to Wow", by Loela Barry. Used recycled materials & plant materials to create floral arrangements and decorations; 67 attendees
May: "Founding Gardeners", Andrea Wulf; how the attitudes of America's founding fathers helped shape America. Jointly hosted by FBCMG, Sugar Land Garden Club & Texas Rose Rustlers at Sugar Land Community Center
June: Organic vs. Chemical in Gardening, by Elizabeth Barrow, FBCMG
July: Water Management by Colleen Spencer, Water Resources Mgr. City of Sugar Land
August: Community Supported Agriculture & Organic Farming by Stacey Roussel
September: Alternatives to Toxic Plants & Zoo's Horticulture Programs by Joe Williams, Horticulture Manager for Houston Zoo

Speakers Bureau

April: Programs for TEEA (135 attendees) & 2 garden clubs (18 attendees)
May: Presentation on Oriental Gardening: George Library

Youth Activities

JMG: Jane Long JMG group, Garden Gurus, LCISD, 23 members participating; spring vegetables in school garden
April 19: Creekside Church Day School, Needville; JMG activity, 11 children
April 25: JMG Activity, Jane Long ES, LCISD, first grade classes, created paper pots and planted sunflower seeds; 78 children
May 9-11: AgriLife Expo, George Ranch; 4th graders from FB schools will participate in Ag Literacy program; estimated 600 children
May 16: Schiff ES, FBISD; JMG garden activity
June 6-10: Earth-Kind[®] Kids Kamp
June 14: JMG Orientation for FB School Teachers
June 16: Gardening Day at Texana School in Rosenberg; estimated 70 children