

Reiman Gardens CoHorts' Board Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2008

President Carole Bunde called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. She introduced Pat Moline, Assistant Vice President for Development, who will be representing the Foundation on an interim basis.

Those present included Carole Bunde, Janice Blanco, Dave Austin, Darrell Neumann, Mary Pickett, Betty Sailsbury, Doris Brown, Jack Mauldin, Clete Mercier, Charlie Yoerger, Jeanne Rieck, Ardie Roehr, Miriam Takle, Jean Digmann, Charlie Ricketts and Pat Moline (ISU Foundation representative).

Staff present: Gloria Erickson and Pat Kunz.

Approval of the Minutes: A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes of the March 12, 2008 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Clete Mercier made a motion to pay an outstanding bill for coffee in the amount of \$5.78. Motion carried. Our current balance is \$3,087.65 with \$.59 interest. Carole Bunde will request an accounting of the money collected in the donation box. As of December, 2007, \$143.75 was collected.

Committee Reports

Special Projects: Ardie Roehr suggested we set up a speakers bureau to get the message out about Reiman Gardens. The speakers would give presentations to groups and organizations in Ames and nearby communities. Ardie would like to give passes to Reiman Gardens or cards as a token of good will at the presentations. A sign up sheet was passed around for those willing to become a speaker.

Education: Jean Digmann stated the brown bag tomorrow will be a presentation by Marcia Leeper of *Garden Gate Magazine*. Jean asked if we could give passes to the gardens as a gift to speakers. Betty Sailsbury reported that 51 people attended the last brown bag lunch.

Garden Guides: Mary Pickett reported that starting in May fifteen adult tours are scheduled.

Horticulture Volunteers: Charlie Yoerger reported that last month volunteers worked 220 hours mostly planting and pot washing.

Membership: no report

Plant Sale: no report

Historian: no report

Publicity and Marketing: Miriam Takle reported the card display has 64 cards and 16 sets. Additional cards and a new set of butterfly note cards will be printed. Dave Austin will publicize the photo contest by placing entry forms in various locations. Pat Kunz will include information on the photo contest in the volunteer newsletter.

President-Elect Report: Charlie Ricketts commented that we need to get the word out about the positive changes at Reiman Gardens.

Past President Report: no report

Unfinished Business

Upcoming Events: Gloria Erickson reported the following upcoming events:
April 24 – “A Novel Garden” preview party with music 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
April 25 – Arbor Day celebration
April 26 – Book and garden prop sale
May 11 – Mother’s Day Brunch
May 31 – Live WHO radio broadcast
June 1 – 7 – CoHorts’ Appreciation & Membership Week
June 6 – Dancing Under the Stars

Reiman Book Sale – CoHorts’ cards and “Child’s Garden of Flowers” books

A table will be set up on April 24th (preview party) and April 26th (book sale) to sell cards and books.

New Business

Staff/Intern Appreciation Lunch: The appreciation lunch sponsored by the CoHorts’ Board is scheduled for July 9th and will be organized by Charlie Ricketts.

Director Update: Teresa McLaughlin was absent

Other Staff Reports: Pat Kunz reported that she posted volunteer training session schedules in various locations in town. She hopes to have a designated area in the building for volunteers where they can have coffee.

Foundation Representative Comments: Pat Moline stated that the foundation has an 800 million dollar fund raising campaign underway at ISU. Reiman Gardens is sponsoring a table on May 13, 2008 at the Women and Philanthropy Workshop presented by the ISU Foundation Women and Philanthropy Committee.

Announcements

A committee will be formed to solicit door prizes for Dancing Under the Stars.

The next board meeting will be May 14, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Blanco