

REIMAN GARDENS COHORTS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2004

President Chelon Stanzel called the regular May board meeting to order at 9:30 AM in the Speer Room at Reiman Gardens.

Present: Chelon Stanzel, Beth Cheville, Maureen & Ken Walters, Dick Carlson, Charlie Yoerger, John Glover, Mary Pickett, Jonnie Pasley, Mary Athlerly, Jenny Martin, Lisa Harminson, Lisa Orgler, Donna Cipollini, Carole Bunde and Jean Digmann

Approval of Minutes: The April board meeting minutes were approved as sent.

Treasurer's Report: The balance from last month was \$2,632.29; \$40.00 from the sale of a book was deposited and \$250.00 was paid as a deposit for the Jazz in July event, leaving a balance of \$2422.29.

Committee Reports:

Education: Ken reported that everything is in place for this month's Brown Bag Lunch. Justin Hancock, Horticulture editor at Better Homes & Gardens, will present: "Creating a Cutting Garden". There were 43 present at last month's Brown Bag Lunch.

Garden Guides: Mary reported that so far this year, there are 81 Youth Tours with 190 guides and 2791 children. For the month of May, there are 31 tours, 72 guides and 1096 participating. The number of Adult Tours for the year is 60, with 137 guides and 2256 guests. For the month of May, there are 11 tours, with 27 guides and 436 guests.

Horticulture Volunteers: Charlie said that the transplanting is completed and that the main outdoor planting will start on Monday, May 17th. There will be three shifts each day. For the month of April, 7 people worked 75 hours.

Membership: Beth reported that 239 renewal letters were sent out for May and there will be 238 in June. The results of the \$10.00 request posted to the renewal letter is: March, \$485; April, \$185; and May \$1155. The Events booklets are still being distributed to banks, hotels, etc. The results of the phone calls to non-renewals are: several requested membership information; some said they would renew when they came to the garden; and several said "No" for various reasons.

Plant Sale: No report

Historian: Jonnie stated that the Historian's Book has been placed in the Exhibit Hall and looks wonderful. She commented that this was a very appropriate thing to do.

News Reporter: Donna requested that all articles for the September, October, November and December Events & Education issue be submitted by July 15th. It will go to the printer in August. She is open to any suggestions for articles.

President elect: Jenny is preparing for the Appreciation Lunch for the staff and garden interns. She has not cleared the date with Nick, but the tentative date is July 14th, after the regular July CoHorts board meeting. This meeting will start at 10:00 AM, instead of 9:30. She will have a sign up sheet at the next meeting for food donations and she expressed hope that all board members would stay for the luncheon.

Past president: Marge was not present, but Chelon reported that the committee for the Jazz in July event would be Beth Cheville, Carole Bunde and Mary Atherly.

Unfinished business:

Photography Contest:

Carol reported that a “hands on” workshop for photography would be held Thursday, June 24, at 6:30 PM, with Don Wishart. There will be a \$5.00 fee for members and \$10.00 for non-members. The workshop is open to anyone, not just for those that are entering the Photo Contest.

Director and Garden updates:

Teresa and Nick were not present today.

Staff updates: Lisa said that the interns started this week. They each spent time with staff personnel. Volunteer training will start next Monday, May 17.

Megan was not present today.

Development Report: John Glover reported that all properties within the University, including Reiman Gardens, continue to outpace last year. The University and Foundation are in the planning stages of our next campaign program, which will run 5 to 7 years. All entities will have a role for Reiman Gardens and there will be a need to prioritize what our interests are.

The meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 9, at 9:30 AM in the Speer Room at Reiman Gardens.

Jean Digmann
Secretary