

**Reiman Gardens CoHorts' Board Meeting Minutes**  
**June 11, 2008**

President Carole Bunde called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Those present included Carole Bunde, Janice Blanco, Dean Sampson, Darrell Neumann, Dick Carlson, Charlie Yoerger, Charlie Ricketts, Clete Mercier, Jack Mauldin, Dave Austin, Betty Sailsbury, Mary Pickett, Doris Brown, and Jean Digmann.

Staff present: Gloria Erickson, Lisa Orgler, Teresa McLaughlin, and Pat Kunz.

**Approval of the Minutes:** A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes of the May 14, 2008 meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Clete Mercier reported our current balance is \$3,658.82, which does not include \$.40 interest. Clete made a motion to pay an outstanding bill for the printing of cards. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports**

**Education:** Jean Digmann stated that the Brown Bag Program on June 12, 2008 will be given by Veronica Fowler titled "The Complete Guide to Growing Roses." Two Brown Bag Lunch programs will be presented the month of July. July 10<sup>th</sup> Mimi Wagner will present "Stormwater Gardens: Water Conservation and Creek Protection." July 31<sup>st</sup> the summer interns will present the program.

**Garden Guides:** Pat Kunz reported the following year to date tours:  
13 adult tours with 347 guests and 23 guides  
32 youth tours with 1,185 guests and 93 guides

**Horticulture Volunteers:** Charlie Yoerger reported 177 volunteer hours were worked in May.

**Membership:** Gloria Erickson reported a current Reiman Gardens membership of 1,966 households.

**Plant Sale:** No report

**Historian:** Carole Bunde reported that Ann Anderson has resigned as historian, and we need to find a replacement.

**Publicity and Marketing:** Dave Austin reported we sold 37 large cards for \$120.25 and 28 sets of note cards for \$238. Total income for May was \$458.25. Beginning July 1, 2008 entries for the photo contest will be accepted. They can be turned in at the front desk or mailed to Reiman Gardens. Dave will distribute flyers to advertise the contest. Dave suggested that we sell framed note cards in the gift shop. He will also look into the possibility of creating a calendar.

**Special Projects:** No report

**President-Elect Report:** Charlie Ricketts stated that we will grill hamburgers for the July 9<sup>th</sup> Staff/Intern Appreciation Lunch. Approximately 50 people will attend the luncheon.

**Past President Report:** Dick Carlson reported that he sold raffle tickets for the Dancing Under the Stars drawing.

### Unfinished Business

**Ragbrai:** Gloria Erickson reported that on July 22<sup>nd</sup> the Ames Rotary will be hosting the Ragbrai event at Reiman Gardens, and will provide volunteers between 4-8 p.m. Food vendors, local restaurants, and ISU dining will provide food and drinks. The Bill Martin group will provide music.

**Review of Membership Appreciation Week:** Carole Bunde stated approximately 263 people attended the Dancing Under the Stars event. Although a dinner was not served, the snacks were nice. Due to bad weather, the event was held inside. Raffle prizes worth over \$2,000 were given away. Carole thanked everyone for their help.

### New Business

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade:** Reiman Gardens will have an entry in the parade and hand out bags for candy.

**Garden Art Fair – Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup> – CoHorts' Table:** Carole Bunde stated the CoHorts' will have a small table at the art fair to sell cards and memberships. Spots for artists are almost sold out. Jack Mauldin suggested we have volunteers to help artists set up their displays.

### Director Update

Teresa McLaughlin reported the gardens saved money and labor costs by closing the months of January, February, and March this year. We are considering the possibility of hiring a person for sales. The gift shop should open within the next couple of weeks.

### Other Staff Reports

Lisa Orgler announced the Rose Festival will take place June 21, 2008.

Pat Kunz needs two people to help with the Rose Festival between 3 to 4:30 p.m. Volunteers fill 89-91% of the hours in the Butterfly Wing. We have had an influx of new applications from those wishing to volunteer at Reiman Gardens. There are five interns working at the gardens this year.

### Announcements

**NEXT MEETING – JULY 9, 2008**  
**10:00 a.m. (NOTE TIME CHANGE) Followed at 11:30 a.m. with lunch for**  
**Reiman Gardens Staff Sponsored by CoHorts' Board**

### Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. at which time we moved to the Garden Room for a special reception honoring Mary Pickett.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janice Blanco