

Reiman Gardens CoHorts' Board Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2008

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

Those present included Carole Bunde, Janice Blanco, Jeanne Rieck, Jean Digmann, Betty Sailsbury, Darrell Heumann, Jack Mauldin, Charles Yoerger, Richard Carlson, and Miriam Takle. Staff present: Gloria Erickson, Pat Kunz, and Teresa McLaughlin.

Approval of the Minutes: A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes of the Feb. 20, 2008 meeting with the following corrections. Under 2008 Gardens' Season Opening Review Gloria Erikson should be Gloria Erickson, and the Dixie Flicks should be Dixie Slicks.

Treasurer's Report: No report

Committee Reports

Education: Jean Digmann stated that Elvin McDonald will give the Brown Bag Lunch program March 13, 2008. Hostesses are needed for May and June.

Garden Guides: No report

Horticulture Volunteers: Jack Mauldin reported volunteers are doing a lot of pot washing and transplanting. For the month of February Indoor Horticulture volunteers worked 107.5 hours and Facilities volunteers worked 60.75 hours.

Membership: No report

Plant Sale: The Reiman Gardens plant sale will be August 23, 2008. The Master Gardeners will have plant sale at Reiman Gardens in May.

Historian: No report

Publicity and Marketing: Miriam Takle stated the card display will be set up when the gardens reopens April 5th.

Special Projects: Carole Bunde reported there will be a new donation box for the April opening.

President-Elect: No report

Past President: No report

Unfinished Business: Jack Mauldin proposed that we order Reiman Gardens Volunteer patches which could be sewn onto a shirt. Pat Kunz said she will check on the possibility of getting a patch and or shirt.

New Business: Carole Bunde stated that we have 471 copies of the book, *A Child's Garden of Flowers*. The book originally sold for \$10 and is now reduced to \$5. A motion was made to give one

copy of the book to children's groups who visit Reiman Gardens, and to donate one copy to each of the pediatric units at McFarland Clinic and Mary Greeley. Motion passed.

Director Update: Teresa McLaughlin stated the construction has been proceeding as scheduled. Hopefully the renovations will increase our already strong rental and wedding business. Hazel's Garden Room will be at the end of the hall with glass walls to open or close off areas. Target for completion is April 1st. Staff will move into their new area by the end of March. Speer room renovation should be complete by May 19th. The break room will be in the maintenance shed. The Butterfly Wing will open April 5th and the Conservatory will be ready by April 1st. There will be press releases to inform the public of events. Organizations will be permitted to bring their own food into the gardens if the cost of the food is less than \$350. The Noon Rotary will help with Ragbrai events at Reiman Gardens.

Other Staff Reports:

Gloria Erickson reported the following April events:

April 10 – Arrangement of the month and Brown Bag Lunch

April 15 – Story Time 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

April 16 – Book Club meets at noon

April 24 – “A Novel Garden” preview party 5 – 7 p.m.

April 25 – Arbor Day celebration and ribbon cutting ceremony for the new facility. Free admission.

April 26 – Used and new book sale 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Pat Kunz reported that there are lots of training sessions scheduled.

Foundation Representative Comments: Currently there is no one assigned as representative from the Foundation.

Announcements: The next board meeting will be April 9, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.

CoHorts' board meetings treat sign up list:	February - Jack Mauldin	Aug – Jean Digmann
	March – Carole Bunde	Sept
	April – Carole Bunde	Oct – Jeanne Rieck
	May – Darrell Neumann	Nov
	June – Betty Sailsbury	Dec – Carole Bunde
	July – Janice Blanco	

Adjourn: A motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Blanco, Secretary