

Reiman Gardens CoHorts' Board Meeting Minutes August 13, 2008

President Carole Bunde called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Carole welcomed Sara Mitchell to the board serving as historian.

Those present included Carole Bunde, Janice Blanco, Dave Austin, Jeanne Rieck, Clete Mercier, Dean Sampson, Jack Mauldin, Charlie Yoerger, Charlie Ricketts, Sara Mitchell, Doris Brown, Mary Pickett, Ardie Roehr, and Jean Digmann.

Staff present: Joan Senne, Teresa McLaughlin, Gloria Erickson, and Lisa Orgler

Approval of the Minutes: A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes of the July 9, 2008 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Clete Mercier reported our current balance is \$5,257.28. Charlie Ricketts presented a bill for \$66.38 for staff luncheon expenses. A motion was made and passed to pay the bill. Carole Bunde reported \$295 was collected in the donation box during April, May, and June for a total of \$439.05 donated.

Committee Reports

Education: Jean Digmann reported the brown bag lunch program on August 14th will be presented by Roy Reiman. About 150 people are expected to attend. Books will be available for sale at \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members.

Garden Guides: Janice Blanco reported the following year to date tours:
27 adult tours with 744 guests and 47 guides
30 youth tours with 1,420 guests and 94 guides

Horticulture Volunteers: Charlie Yoerger reported 88.5 volunteer hours worked in July. Lisa Orgler stated there will be an American Public Garden Association Design Symposium at Reiman Gardens September 25th and 26th. Volunteers will be needed to weed, deadhead and mulch garden areas to prepare for the symposium.

Membership: Jeanne Rieck reported a current membership of 1,989 households. Joan Senne will be coordinating a membership drive. Teresa McLaughlin will be focusing on ways to attract new members.

Plant Sale: Carole Bunde reported Mums and Asters will be sold at the plant sale. An ad will be placed in the newspaper to advertise the sale. Additional people are needed to select plants on August 19th from Swift's nursery.

Historian: Sara Mitchell asked board members gather information for the historian's book.

Publicity and Marketing: Dave Austin reported the following sales for July: 29 photo cards and 21 note cards sold for a total of \$372.75. There were 74 entries for the photo contest and \$900 in entrance fees was collected. A total of \$245 will be given to the winners. Garden passes and a packet of note cards will be sent to Ed Rood as a thank you for judging the photo contest. Contest winners will

be notified Friday and Dave will mail out a letter and check to each winner. A motion was made and carried to reimburse Miriam Takle and Dave Austin \$128.74 for card expenses.

Special Projects: Ardie Roehr is working with Lisa Orgler on a Reiman Gardens presentation which would be presented to area organizations.

President-Elect Report: Carole Bunde reported that Asiatic lilies have been ordered for volunteers as an appreciation gift.

Past President Report: Carole Bunde stated that Janice Blanco and Clete Mercier will continue in their present offices next year.

Unfinished Business

Plant Sale: Set-up for the plant sale will be Friday, August 22 from 5-7 p.m. The plant sale will take place on Saturday, August 23 from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

New Business

Auditing Committee: The auditing committee will meet in November.

Annual Meeting: The annual CoHorts' meeting will take place on October 22 at 7 p.m. There will be a short annual meeting followed by volunteer recognition.

Committee Reports for Annual Meeting: Carole Bunde requested that committee reports be turned into her by the end of September so she can include them in her annual report. In September a picture of the board will be taken.

Director Update: Teresa McLaughlin stated Form 990 has been filed with the IRS. The gardens will be open 9 a.m.– 4:30 p.m. year round. The Butterfly Wing will open by appointment only during the months of January, February and March.

Other Staff Reports:

Gloria Erickson reported the Garden Art Fair was a huge success with 4,200 people attending. Most of the artists want to return next year. During Ragbrai 1,000 guests visited the gardens.

Lisa Orgler thanked the CoHorts for sponsoring the summer interns. After 2 years the railroad display will be dismantled. The trains will be saved for future displays. "Landscape Before Time" will be the theme for the dinosaur exhibit to run April 30 – July 27, 2009. Teresa McLaughlin has put a package together to raise funds for the dinosaur exhibit. The cost of the exhibit is \$80,000 and \$45,000 has been raised to date.

Announcements:

Janice Blanco read two thank you notes; one from the staff and the other from the summer interns.

Next meeting will be September 10, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. in the Speer Room.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Blanco