

**Reiman Gardens CoHorts' Board Meeting Minutes  
September 10, 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, Clete Mercier, Dave Austin, Charles Yoerger, Jack Mauldin, Charlie Ricketts, Ardie Roehr, Betty Sailsbury, Darrell Neumann, Dean Sampson, Mary Pickett, Doris Brown, Dick Carlson and Pat Moline.

Staff present: Joan Senne, Gloria Erickson, Pat Kunz, and Teresa McLaughlin.

**Approval of the Minutes:** A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes of the August 13, 2008 meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Clete Mercier reported our current balance is \$12,073.04. A motion was made and passed to approve payment of the following bills: B&M Greenhouse - \$966.90, Swift Nursery - \$200, Note Cards - \$13.84 and \$77.43. A deposit of \$7,090.05 was made from the plant sale.

**Committee Reports**

**Education:** Jean Digmann stated on September 11, 2008 Ann Marie VanDerZanden will present the brown bag lunch program entitled, "10 Great Gardens to See Before You Die."

**Garden Guides:** The year to date tour totals is as follows:

31 Adult tours with 855 guests and 53 guides  
50 Youth tours with 1,824 guests and 146 guides

**Horticulture Volunteers:** Charles Yoerger reported eleven people worked 60 hours in August.

**Membership:** Jeanne Rieck reported our current membership is 1,939 households, which is down 50 families from last month. Joan Senne stated a letter for July through December renewals will be going out next week. Expiration for these renewals will be December, 2009.

**Historian:** Doris Brown reported that the committee is working on collecting pictures for the historian's book.

**Publicity and Marketing:** Dave Austin stated card sales for the month of August totaled \$160. A total of \$245 will be awarded to the photo contest winners. The winning photos are displayed on the screen in the entrance lobby. An album with all the entries submitted for the photo contest is on display in the lobby. The number of entries for the photo contest more than doubled from last year.

**Special Projects:** Ardie Roehr stated the target date for completing the Reiman Gardens presentation is January, 2009.

**President-Elect Report:** Charlie Ricketts distributed to the board a draft copy of a membership questionnaire. The questionnaire covers a variety of topics regarding Reiman Gardens such as

food, theme years, rentals, membership benefits, volunteers, special events, hours, and budget. The purpose of the questionnaire is to increase membership and donations.

**Past President Report:** Dick Carlson reported that Jean Digmann has agreed to accept the position of President-Elect on the Reiman Gardens CoHorts Board next year.

**Unfinished Business**

**Annual Reports due October 1:** Carole Bunde asked that annual reports be emailed to her.

**New Business**

**CoHorts End-of-Year Gift to Reiman Gardens:** At our next meeting Carole Bunde will have a list of suggestions for a gift to the gardens from the CoHorts.

**Director Update:** Teresa McLaughlin stated that she will invite Warren Madden, Dan Saftig, and Jeff Isles to attend one of our meetings. Membership has rebounded in terms of the amount of money given. A fund raising effort is underway to secure funding for the dinosaurs show. Complimentary tickets are available for the design conference September 25 and 26.

**Other Staff Reports:**

Pat Kunz reported she will need many guides for the dinosaurs show in anticipation of increased tours.

Gloria Erickson stated she is working on a reception for P. Buckley Moss October 3 from 6:30 – 8 p.m. A portion of print sales will be given to Reiman Gardens. Volunteers are needed October 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> for Spirits in the Garden.

**Foundation Representative Comments:** Pat Moline reported they are in the midst of a fund raising campaign for the University. Reiman Gardens is 166% of its 2 million dollar campaign goal. People are encouraged to include gift giving to charity as part of their will planning.

**Announcements:**

**NEXT MEETING – October 8, 2008  
9:30am – Speer Room**

**Annual Meeting/Volunteer Appreciation – October 22, 2008 at 7 pm in the Garden Room**

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janice Blanco, Secretary