

## Reiman Gardens CoHorts Meeting – March 9, 2011

In the absence of President Dave Austin, President Elect Dean Sampson presided.  
The meeting was called to order at 9:35.

Present: Carolyn Bolinger, Sheryl Soden, Marie Hammon, Charlie Yoeger, Denise Vrchota, Jeanne Rieck, Miriam Takle, Teresa McLaughlin, Dan Devine, Darrell Neumann and Jean Digmann

Absent: Dave Austin, Jody Melcher, Fidella Marty, Mary Lou Mumm, Saren Johnson, Alzire Messenger, Dorothy Yoeger, Doris Brown and Reta Althaus

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The treasurer's report was approved.

Committee reports:

Membership – As of February, there are 2340 members, 38 of which are new. A table was set up at the Orchid Festival and will be again at the March 12<sup>th</sup> Irish Concert event.

Education – Brown Bag meets tomorrow with MJ Hatfield presenting the program on: “Insects: Maligned, Misunderstood, and Mostly Ignored”.

Volunteers – Doris Brown reported via email, from Arizona, that she attended the Mesa get together for Ames residents and gave away Garden passes to promote Reiman Gardens.

Plant Sale – No report

Historian – The 2010 book was passed around for viewing. All agreed that last year's historians did an excellent job.

Publicity & Marketing – No report

A la Carte – Because of the congeniality A la Carte volunteers bring to the Gardens, Teresa urged us to continue, even though we are unable to prepare food from scratch in the kitchen. In the future, only prepackaged food may be used at events. Marie reported that proceeds from Picnic Antics were \$132.00.

Photo Contest – Nothing to report at this time.

Cards – Miriam has purchased supplies to replenish the Gift Shop. The cards will have new butterfly pictures.

Special Events – Nothing to report as of now

President Elect – Dean will co-chair the Plant Auction.

Past President – Nothing to report

Director's Report – Teresa stated that publicity for the Big Bug show has started. There will be a preview party on May 4 from 5:30 to 7 and on May 7, David Rogers, the creator will be here to meet the public from 10 to 12 and 1 to 3.

Spring hours will start.

Spring Fling is April 17 and Earth Day, April 22.

She is planning a Leadership reception, for the purpose of asking members to make a larger contribution to support the Gardens, on June 25. Roy and Bobbie Rieman will be special guests.

She also spoke of the need to upgrade the computer system in the future.

The meeting adjourned at 10:26.

Submitted by:  
Jean Digmann