

CoHort Board Meeting August 18, 2010

Members Present: Teresa McLaughlin, Carolyn Bolinger, Jean Digmann, Darrell Neumann, Charlie Yoeger, David Austin, Miriam Takle, Jeanne Rieck, Doris Brown, Charlie Ricketts, Jody Melcher.

Meeting called to order by Jean at 9:30

Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Donation in May, \$57.28, came from box by emergent case. The money is not to go to the CoHorts, but collected and deposited for the Gardens. The \$57.28 will be returned to the Gardens. The CoHorts can use the box and table for special events if needed. Report approved.

Education—Georganna Hinrichsen—August Brown Bag Luncheon was cancelled due to flood. September—Ann Marie VanDerZanden on “Great Gardens to See Before You Die with a Gnome Twist”. In addition, there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony unveiling the winner of the naming contest.

Garden Guides—Report emailed from Pat Kunz listed 4 adult tour guides with 17.6 hours and 4 youth tour guides with 5.15 hours.

Horticulture—Charles Yoeger—77 hours outdoor hours

Membership--30 new members, 2195 active. Letters going out for 77 renewals.

Plant Sale—Darrell—suppliers contacted. Sign up sheet went around for volunteers. Four people are going to Swifts Friday morning to select plants to be delivered mid-week. It will also be posted on Volgistics. Richard Jauron, Horticulturist, and Donald Lewis, Entomologist, will be present to answer questions. Sign on the fence will go up on Monday. Darrell passed around fliers for people to post. The Gift Shop will also be holding a sale in the maintenance building.

Historian—Doris Brown—had pictures from quilt show. Would appreciate any contributions for the book.

Marketing—Miriam Takle—photo contest has ended. This year there were 40 entries—less than other years. \$435 in revenue. Awards were \$252.

Cards have been delivered to the Gift Shop. \$165 coming from cards. Bill was presented for \$47 for picture developing.

President Elect—Dave Austin—volunteers needed for Plant and Garden Auction on Friday night to help with auctions, food, clean up.

By-laws are being looked at. Discussion took place on the Special Project committee and whether concessions would come under it. President can make recommendations about committees.

Also length of terms needs to be looked at. It has been recommended that terms be three years. We need to have staggered terms so whole Board does not go off at once.

A discussion took place on the cancellation of concessions for the Quilt Show. Due to the water situation in Ames, food safety was an issue and food orders had to be cancelled the day before, so a decision was made to cancel. Discussion was held concerning communication. Teresa was not aware of the cancellation until she got an email. A meeting is needed to discuss this issue and decide what we are going to do with concessions in the future.

Teresa--\$75,000 more brought in than was budgeted this fiscal year. \$231,000 for year total. All categories up.

Next meeting will be September 8.

Respectfully submitted,

Jody Melcher
Secretary