

Reiman Gardens CoHorts' Board Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2009

President Charlie Ricketts called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Those present included Charlie Ricketts, Janice Blanco, Jeanne Rieck, Darrell Neumann, Dean Sampson, Charlie Yoerger, Dave Austin, Craig Seymour, Saren Johnston, Doris Brown, Ardie Roehr, Carole Bunde, Jean Digmann, and Georganna Hinrichsen.

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

Approval of the Minutes: A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes of the June 10, 2009 meeting as written.

Treasurer's Report: Charlie Ricketts reported a current balance of \$3,814.50. A motion was made and passed to accept the treasurer's report as written.

Committee Reports:

Education: The July 9th brown bag lunch will be presented by sculptor John A. Brommel. Saren Johnston will replace Betty Sailsbury on the Education Committee. Georganna Hinrichsen reported 56 people attended the Brown Bag Lunch in the month of June. Work has begun on getting speakers for the 2010 brown bag lunches. The following speakers have been scheduled: January, Lisa Orgler; February, Linda Thomas; April, Jo Myers Walker; and May, James Romer. Georganna asked the question of whether or not the CoHorts' would be willing to pay an honorarium to a brown bag speaker. After some discussion, it was agreed that we would not pay honorariums to speakers.

Garden Guides: Pat Kunz reported the following totals for tours July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009.

Adult Tours:	31 tours	Youth Tours:	51 tours
	879 guests		1,842 guests
	59 guides		153 guides

Although the number of tours has decreased, the number of people visiting the gardens has increased. There has been a decrease in the number of tour buses coming to the gardens. The dinosaur exhibit has attracted many first time visitors to the gardens. On the Reiman Gardens facebook site there will be a tribute to Mary Pickett honoring her many years of service at the gardens.

Horticulture: Charlie Yoerger reported during the month of June there was a total of 180.25 outdoor horticulture hours and 24.50 facilities volunteer hours worked. Craig Seymour stated the Tuesday volunteer night is working out well and they will work again next year.

Membership: Jeanne Rieck reported a membership of 2,116 households, an increase of 123 from last year at this time. In June there were 60 new members and 68 reinstated members.

Plant Sale: Craig Seymour stated they were getting ready to send out letters to solicit contributions for the plant sale.

Historian: Doris Brown has been taking pictures at various events at the gardens. A short piece will be included in the Reiman Gardens historian book on Mary Pickett's contributions to the gardens over the years.

Publicity and Marketing: Dave Austin stated card sales have been going well. We took in about \$400 in the month of June. We have received ten entries for the photo contest. Don Wishart and Dan DeVine will be judges for the photo contest.

Special Projects: Ardie Roehr reported planning in underway for the Root Ball scheduled for August 28th. Fliers about the Root Ball will be handed out at the Reiman Gardens Art Fair.

President-Elect Report – no report

Past President Report – Carole Bunde stated there will be a CoHorts' table at the Art Fair to encourage membership and sell books. A nominating committee will be formed to nominate officers and board members for the 2010 year.

Unfinished Business

Art Fair – Gloria Erickson stated the Reiman Gardens Art Fair will be 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 12th. Last year attendance was estimated at 4,200, and 5,000 plus visitors are expected to attend this year. On Saturday between 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. artists will be permitted to set up their displays. On Sunday the gardens will open at 6 a.m. for the artists. Gloria Erickson announced that she will be resigning her position at Reiman Gardens in October.

Director Update - Teresa McLaughlin stated paid attendance at the gardens is up significantly this year. The high cost of fixed expenses and severe budget cuts has been challenging for the gardens. Businesses that have supported the gardens in past years are unable help this year. We received two Buck Rose varieties that were not in our collection.

Announcements

**Next Meeting – August 12, 2009
9:30 a.m. – Speer Room**

Adjourn

Charlie Ricketts adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Blanco