

# REIMAN GARDENS COHORTS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 12, 2005

President Jenny Martin called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Those present: Beth Cheville, Mary Atherly, Carole Bunde, Dick Carlson, Ann Anderson, Charlie Ricketts, Debra Johnson, John Glover, Chelon Stanzel, Mary Pickett, Carol Patterson, Nan Ripley, Jenny Martin, Joel Coats, and Ann Campbell.

Staff present: Theresa McLaughlin, Nick Howell, Pat Kunz, and Lisa Orgler.  
New board members were introduced.

**Approval of minutes:** The minutes of the December 8th, 2004, board meeting were approved as written.

**Treasurer's report:** Mary Atherly reported the December beginning balance had been \$3142.25. Bills paid were \$72.10 to Historian Jonnie Pasley and \$40.52 to Ken Walter for the Brown Bag program. The total expenditures were \$112.62. The balance as of January 12 was \$3,029.63.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Education:** Nan Ripple reported that more volunteers have been recruited. There is an effort to recruit both men and women. It was suggested that businesses could contribute cookies for some programs. Requests were made for speaker and program ideas. The education committee will meet Jan 20 at 6:30 p.m. for future program planning.

**Garden Guides:** Mary Pickett reported tour numbers.

**Horticulture Volunteers:** Dick Carlson had nothing new to report.

**Membership:** Carol Bunde reported there are 2550 active members. As of September 2004, there were 555 inactive members who had not renewed. Lapsed renewals continue to be received. There was discussion about how to distribute the newsletter.

**Plant Sale:** Charlie Ricketts gave out the football schedule before discussing possible dates for the plant sale. Nick Howell indicated that an earlier date is better for good horticultural success. August 15 would be a good date and there are no football conflicts on that date.

**Historian:** Ann Anderson has been studying past books. The historian book is complete and needs to be taken to ISU to be copied. The 2004 historians' book will be placed for viewing outside the butterfly wing.

**Photography Chair:** The Chair of this committee, Carol Patterson will meet with Barb Gohman and Jonnie Pasley to determine future plans.

**News Reporter:** Donna Cipollini was absent

**President elect:** Beth Cheville said there was nothing to report.

**Past President:** Chelon Stanzel said there was nothing to report.

**Unfinished Business:**

The Swift family from Marshalltown was recognized for their contribution to the plant sale. A membership and Reiman Garden mugs were sent to each family member.

**New Business:**

- Jenny gave out the staff list, board list, calendar, and corrections list. More corrections will be made at the next meeting. She introduced Joe Coats, Professor of Entomology. John Glover of the ISU Foundation was introduced.
- Teresa discussed ideas for a 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. The Gardens were dedicated on September 16, 1995. September 16, 2005, is a Friday which would lend itself to a 3 day celebration. Ideas for a celebration are being generated now. Possibilities include: an open house for the community, a recognition of all former CoHort members, a fund raising dinner, a concert, and a cake made out of flowers. The College of Agriculture will have staff write a 10 year history of the Gardens done by Veronica Fowler. Other ideas are being solicited.
- Chelon reported on *Jazz in July*. July 25 was voted on as the best date.

**Director's Update:**

- Teresa has been concentrating on budget issues. The budget is impacting many things including staff reorganization.
- Reiman Gardens is getting more connected with academic units in its education programs.
- Membership and rentals are very strong. The *Mommy and Me Mondays* for preschool children is starting.
- *Bring Your Friends to Lunch* has raised the dining numbers. A new RFP is being prepared to locate a new provider for Hazel's Kitchen.
- There was discussion about how to participate in the comprehensive campaign for the ISU Foundation.

**Garden Updates:**

- Nick Howell reported there have been significant contributions since the Gardens opened 10 years ago. There is a data base of donors being developed. The goal is to get information together and make it available to the public through a kiosk. The funding for this has been made possible by an anonymous donation. Ultimately it is hoped the information will be accessible throughout the Garden.
- February 16 - 19 is the Home and Garden Show at the Iowa Events Center. Country Landscapes is including Reiman Gardens in its exhibit. Butterflies will be included in the exhibit. Volunteers will be needed during the whole time this is open.

**Staff Updates:**

- Lisa Orgler thanked volunteers for *the Blossoms of Lights*. More responsibilities are moving to Pat Kunz. Her new job title is Volunteer Coordinator.

- Planning is underway for the next 2 years. The 2005 theme is: Global Gardens. In 2006 the theme will be Art and Design.
- There is discussion about having a spring plant sale which would be more of a festival than the one organized by the CoHorts. Perhaps plant containers would be sold as well. Chelan Stanzel moved and Carol Patterson seconded a motion to support this concept. The motion passed.
- The Gardens are gearing up for a garden art show on July 10. There will be a spring event May 20 – 21.

**The next meeting is scheduled for February 9 at 9:30 p.m. in the Speer Room at the Reiman Gardens.**

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Campbell  
Secretary