

## REIMAN GARDENS COHORTS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 9, 2005

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

Those present: Jenny Martin, Ann Anderson, Mary Atherly, Carole Bunde, Dick Carlson, Beth Cheville, Donna Cipolloni, Debra Johnson, Mary Pickett, Gary Prochaska, Ken Walter, and Charlie Yoerger,

Staff present: Teresa McLaughlin, Nathan Brockman, John Glover, and Pat Kunz,

**Approval of minutes:** The minutes of February 9, 2005, board meeting were approved as amended.

**Treasurer's report:** Mary Atherly reported balance at the beginning of the month was \$3004.63. Expenses at Hazel's Kitchen for gifts and certificates were \$27.00. Balance at the end of the month is \$2977.63

### **Committee Reports:**

**Education:** Ken Walters reported that 65 people attended Brown Bag Lunch on February 10. All the programs for the remainder of the year are planned except for November.

**Garden Guides:** Pat Kunz reported March has 4 youth tours scheduled with 75 guests and 7 guides. So far, April is scheduled for 6 tours with 195 guests and 16 guides; May has 7 tours, 405 guests and 32 guides; and June has 1 tour 40 guests and 4 guides. March has 1 adult tour with 15 guests and 1 guide. April so far, has 9 tours with 420 guests and 29 guides; June has 3 tours with 110 guests and 8 guides; July has 2 tours with 60 guests and 4 guides; August has 4 tours with 111 guests and 8 guides; and October has 3 tours with 108 guests and 6 guides.

**Horticulture Volunteers:** Charlie Yoerger reported that volunteers are needed March 22-24 to transplant perennials and the entire week of March 28 to uncover the roses.

**Membership:** Carole Bundy reported that there are 2571 active members; down 17 from last month's report. The committee continues to send reminder cards to non-renewals. In April 226 renewal letters will be sent. Carole, Debra and Ardie will coordinate the delivery of newsletters to various locations and will ask for volunteers to help distribute.

**Plant Sale:** Gary Prochaska suggested the sale of dwarf conifers for a future spring plant sale. This will be considered another year. The fall plant sale is August 14.

**Historian:** Ann Anderson reported the 2004 Historian Book has been scanned at the ISU Library. The original is being stored at the library and the copy is on display near the butterfly wing. A place will be determined to continue to display the 2003 book, possibly in Hazel's Kitchen.

**Photography Chair:** Jenny reported for Carol Patterson that there will be two photo workshops, June 11 and 29. Possibly a separate youth workshop will be held.

**News Reporter:** Donna Cipolloni asked that all contributions to the newsletter be sent to her by March 15. She needs questions for the question and answer column to be featured in this issue. Jenny requested that each committee submit a short report to her by March 14 that she can incorporate in her president's article.

**President elect:** Beth Cheville had no report.

**Past President:** Jenny reported for Chelon Stanzel that Jazz in July is being organized. Date July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Chelon would like a few volunteers for her committee.

**Unfinished Business:** Teresa reported plans are underway for the celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Gardens. Saturday, September 17, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm admission will be free to the public. Sponsorship is being sought to cover that expense. An effort will be made to include Ames and surrounding communities as well as ISU. Roy and Bobbie Reiman may be coming. CoHorts will be guests Saturday evening with music, food, beverages and a cash bar. Admission will be charged Sunday, September 18 on Family Day. No charge to members. Special activities for families will be planned. Veronica Fowler, a free lance writer will compose a booklet documenting the 10 years of growth of Reiman Gardens.

**New Business:** Jenny reported that she has become aware that boxes of the CoHorts book, Child's Garden of Flowers are in storage at ISU Bookstore. 2500 books were printed in 2000. ISU Bookstore bought 500 from CoHorts, approx. 250 books were gifted or lost in the flood. CoHorts sold 840 copies leaving approx. 910 books remaining. Expenses of printing have been paid so the proceeds of these books will be all profit. Ideas were discussed for marketing these books.

- Put a notice in the renewal letter that with the addition of \$10.00 specifically for the book, CoHorts will mail or deliver it.

- Have the book available at children's events.

- Market the book at Brown Bag Lunch and other Reiman Gardens events.

Gary Prochaska moved that the president appoint a committee to work out the details and coordinate volunteers to sell books. It was seconded and passed. Jenny appointed Chelon and Beth to be on this committee. The books will be available at the CoHorts Membership Appreciation Night on March 9 and at the Brown Bag Lunch on March 10.

**Director's Update:** Teresa informed us that she and Jenny have agreed to forward the board meeting agendas and minutes to all staff members. A staff person will report at each board meeting on what's going on in his area.

**Staff Updates:** Nathan Brockman reported that four months ago incoming US shipments of chrysalises were significantly cut which will save as much as \$10,000 a

year. Extra tropical plants are being produced in the entomology green house allowing in-house rearing of chrysalises to increase. Cards (4X6) are being developed with information and picture of each species of butterfly on display. These will be compiled in a binder that will be available to visitors. The cards along with an educational video will be available on the Reiman Garden website. Biological pest control is successful in the control of ants in the butterfly house. Nathan said he will be presenting a paper on this at an upcoming national conference.

Pat Kunz reported that she has sign up list for volunteering and the application forms for volunteers to be kept on file.

John Glover announced that the Class of 1955 has designated the Hillside Garden of Reiman Gardens as recipient of their class gift. This could be in the amount of \$40,000 to \$50,000.

**Announcements:**

Jenny asked if there would be any objection to changing the date of the April board meeting. Being none, the next meeting will be April 20.

**The next meeting is scheduled for April 20 at 9:30 p.m. in the Speer Room at the Reiman Gardens.**

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary Pro Tem  
Beth Cheville