

Board Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2012, Called to order at 7:00 PM

Board Members Present:

- X Chris Voss, President
- X Kathryn Baecht, Secretary
- X Don Brennecke, Treasurer
- X Alan Richard, President Elect
- Cathy Cox, Board Member (2 year)
- Micki Wright, Board Member (2 year)
- X Scott Lipsett, Past President, Board Member (1 year)
- Nathan Melson, Past President
- Paula Brennecke, Guest
- X Faye Wedell, Board Member (1 year)
- Judy Russell, Board Member (2 years)

Treasurer's Report: Don reported that our total assets are \$571.45.

Secretary's Report: December minutes approved.

Fracking:

Chris and Kathryn made a video of one of the wells being fracked on Highway 82 into Sherman. Faye has a connection with the Sherman Rotary Club who said that he would use one of his "spots" for someone from CORE to give a talk on fracking.

Everyone will look back at the minutes from December and begin making the contacts that they agreed to do. Most of this was put on hold over the holidays.

Bonham Community Garden:

Scott called Mr. Haudeschell (sp?) who said that he would till the garden again, but this has not been done yet. January 28th was set as a garden workday to lay out and start giving away plots (weather permitting). Chris will talk to Robert about this.

Weekly CORE Email:

Chris has been writing and sending out a CORE weekly email as discussed last month. He is planning an email on climate change myths next, and welcomes any ideas for future emails. Suggestions were: local foods, the farmers' market, drought and water issues.

Heritage Day:

Heritage Day will be earlier this year (May 5th). Last year our booth was in a bad location and we did not make much off of our raffle basket even though it was very nice. It would be good to get a

booth again to promote the community garden, but there are location concerns. Kathryn will find out if we can get a reduced price on our booth as we are a non-profit.

Rakesh Garg:

Rakesh Garg is a gentleman starting an organic dairy in Fannin County. Kathryn exchanged emails with him, and he is eager to meet others in local agriculture. Kathryn will invite him to the next CORE meeting.

Earth Day:

Chris will be working on the graphics for Earth Day again this year, but not on behalf of CORE. CORE will plan to do a workshop(s) for Earth Day.

Respectfully submitted: _____
Kathryn Baecht, Secretary