



Board Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2010 Called to order at 3:20 p.m.

Board Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nathan Melson, Pres. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Lipsett, Past Pres. | <input type="checkbox"/> _____, Pres Elect |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paula Brennecke, Secy. | <input type="checkbox"/> John Howell, Treas. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faye Wedell, member |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don Brennecke, member | <input type="checkbox"/> Cathy Cox, member | |

Secretary's Report _____

Corrections: None

Treasurer's Report _____

None

Old Business _____

Upcoming March 27th Film & Forum –

We discussed whether to show “Locavore” or “Fresh”. Those who previewed “Locavore” (Don and Scott) commented that it was long, slow, and better for committed gardeners. Therefore, we agreed on “Fresh” dependent on Nathan securing a copy for us.

New Business _____

Community Garden(s)

Prior to the board meeting, we held a ‘strategy’ meeting of local folks we invited to discuss the possibility of having community garden(s) in Fannin County. Those attending were: Master Gardener Joan Snider, County AgriLife Extension Agent Roger Skipper, Pastor Adam Barker of Calvary Baptist Church, Micki Wright, Fred Mitchell and his grandson of Manna House, Don and Teresa Belk, Soil/Water Conservation rep Randy Moore, Ellen Melson, and the CORE board members listed above.

There was consensus on the need for community gardens and the role they might play in supplying local food pantries – in addition to giving opportunity for anyone to have a growing spot and, for some, the opportunity to learn how to garden. Roger emphasized the need to start small – to do one garden very well as an example of possibility. A few location possibilities were offered: behind the Creative Arts Center where there has already been discussion about having a garden, at the Sam Rayburn House where one had already been started, and Appraisal District land near the Rayburn House. And there was discussion about recruiting youth groups to help – from churches, 4-H, Scouts, etc.

Don Belk suggested getting a seed company to sponsor the project, and Randy Moore offered a possible grant (around \$300). Other possibilities: TAPS bus to bring folks to the garden site, donations from vendors of mulch, compost, seeds.

A few names for the group were suggested: “Victory”, “Hope”, “Gardens for Humanity”. “Hope Gardens” was chosen by the group.

Joan, Roger, and Randy all agreed to be available as resources. From the remaining attendees, a group self-selected to be the “Hope Gardens” team. They will scout out a good location for a first garden. Paula agreed to set up a Google Group for team communications. (over)

The Hope Community Gardens Organizing Team

(as of 2/23/2010)

Don Belk, Captain	903-505-9541	(Agriculture / "Life on a Country Road" on KFYN)
Tillman Boyd	903-640-8133	(Food Pantry / Boyd Baptist)
Scott Lipsett	903-583-2661	(CORE board)
Ellen Melson	903-736-2832	(CORE member)
Fred Mitchell	214-668-7031	(Manna House/Calvary Baptist)
Micki Wright	903-227-0898	(home gardener / Cowboy Church)
Doug Ware	903-583-9741	(FC resident/land owner)
[Paula Brennecke	903-583-9508	CORE secretary]

Earth Day Events

Sherman Earth Day Festival – March 24th

We will have a booth at this event – ‘earned’ by Paula’s working on their flyers, program, etc.

Home & Garden Expo – March 27th

Nathan suggested we might share a booth for this one, and have materials there promoting our F&F that evening and the community garden project.

Plano Live Green Expo – April 17th

We discussed, and agreed to, request a booth for this event. Our focus will be in promoting the Texoma-Grown Directory

We discussed the need for getting a canopy for these events – though we could borrow Ivan’s if need be.

Faye suggested she reserve our meeting room for Thursdays March 18 and 25 in case we need extra meetings before our F&F on the 27th.

Meeting Adjourned at ??? p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Paula D. Brennecke, Secretary