



Board Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2010 Called to order at 7:30 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cathy Cox, member | |

Guests: Micki Wright and Alan Richard. Joe Craig from Whitewright did *not* show up to bring the petition against the proposed Ash Grove cement plant. Their face book page: “No cement plant in Whitewright Texas.”

Secretary’s Report _____

Approved as distributed via e-mail

Treasurer’s Report _____

Earned \$248 from Plano and Sherman “Local Products” raffles – enough to cover amount owed to Paula for the canopy, business card printing. She will submit an invoice in June.

Reports _____

Hope Community Garden(s) – Micki reported that the ‘demo/teaching’ garden will be on Micki’s property east of Bonham because it will require much less work to get started than the south Bonham lots. Micki will get the soil tested at both properties. She and her husband have installed ten 55-gallon barrels to catch rainwater, which are nearly full already. Mick has a tractor; Scott has a tiller that will fit her tractor. They will coordinate to get the tiller to her. There are two church youth groups willing to help with the project.

The south Bonham site is envisioned as a true ‘community’ garden and will need: 1) to be cleared, 2) a lot of soil preparation, and 3) a lot more planning.

Micki also reported that the garden team has dwindled. She will talk to Don Belk to see if he’d like her to take on the leadership since he seems to be overloaded.

Earth Day Booths – The Plano Expo event went very well. Many people expressed appreciation for the Texoma-Grown Directory, we learned of new producers, and the raffle winner was delighted. The site was ideal, although we might get more traffic if we afford to have our booth inside next year.

The Sherman Festival was a bit less worthwhile. Extremely gusty wind played havoc with our new canopy, publicity for the event was not adequate, and Paula spent entirely too many hours working on the logo/program, etc., for the benefit we received. However, festival goers did appreciate the Directory. Paula will send the following suggestions to the planning team:

Thank you for doing a great job organizing this event. We appreciate how much work it takes!

Here are CORE’s suggestions for next year:

- * **Schedule the key-note speaker nearer to noon.** Seemed like the folks who came so early in the morning (9:00) were mostly interested in getting the best pick of the plant sales.
- * **More publicity.** We heard feedback from festival goers that they didn't see/hear much about the event — and almost missed it. Not sure how you get more publicity without more dollars, but . . .
- * **Sound system.** We could barely hear announcements made from the gazebo. More speakers?
- * **Venue.** Maybe find a different place for the event. Grayson County College worked well for an event there a few years ago. Great spaces for talks and workshops. Indoor booth spaces.
- * Schedule the **wind** for another day. ☺ — or have the bloodmobile park in front of our spot to block the wind. ☺

Old Business

The next Films & Forums Event — Both Micki and Nathan had thought the film “Bois d’Arc Goodbye” would be a good one to show next. Micki is aware of several people who didn't get a chance to see it in Honey Grove. She could possibly get it indirectly; Nathan knows the filmmaker so will talk with him directly to see if he will come show it. Faye will check on availability of the May Room June 12 or 19. Paula will order copies of the Feb. Texas Parks & Wildlife with the related article.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Paula D. Brennecke, Secretary