

Meeting of Board of Directors
January 5, 2016

Present: President, Richard Lee; Treasurer, Joy Anderton
Also Present: Janie Becker, Ken Roberge, Linda Stevens

Since there was not a quorum present, this was an organized discussion rather than an official meeting
President Richard Lee called the discussion to order at 5:55 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes from the December, 2015 meeting will have to be approved at the February meeting.

Financial Report: Joy presented a report that is based on a preliminary budget and corresponds with the bank statement. The Association currently has \$11,293.89 on hand. Joy is still receiving reimbursement requests from the December meeting.

Budget: It was decided that Joy will present the new budget at the January Association meeting. There are some adjustments that will have to be made, but we need an approved budget to function. Some of the areas in question are the cost of the kiosk and expenses proposed by Linda Lunday for the NHC classes. Those people involved will be asked to attend the February board meeting to discuss their needs.

Dues: There will be no change in dues this year. Individuals will pay \$30.00 and couples \$45.00.

Audit: Joy reported that Anna Padden has agreed to head the audit committee this year. The supplies inventory was done on January 4, 2016.

Interpretative Signage: Janie has found a source that will make the six signs for at total of \$1,518.00. Her original request of \$1800.00 should cover the cost of installation.

New Vice President Elections: As past chair, Linda Stevens will propose as slate of new vice presidents.

Web Training: Ken will plan a session in the near future. He said he may do a one-on-one training instead of as a group. The advantage is he can show people exactly what they need to know.

State Restructuring: Janie said the State is looking for consistency between counties without giving up individuality.

Winter School: Janie discussed the upcoming winter school in Knoxville . On March 17, 2016, the day before the official winter school, there will be training for Junior Master Gardeners. The Texas curriculum will be presented. It should be presented in such a way as to be completely adaptable for all counties. Janie mentioned we need to identify the people in our group who are interested in leading the Junior program.

Scholarships: There was discussion of providing scholarships this year. In the past, two members have been funded for the registration fee. Since Winter School will be out of town this year, travel, lodging and meals will be added to each participants costs. No decision was made at this time.

Costs: If paid before March 2: Registration for all three days is \$100.00; Jr. Master Garden only (March 17) is \$25.00; A single day, either March 18 or 19, is \$45.00; the two days, March 18 and 19 is \$80.00

Registration after March 2: Registration for all three days will be \$110.00; Jr. Master Garden only (March 17) is \$30.00; A single day, either March 18 or 19 will be \$50.00; Two days, March 18 and 19 is \$90.00 for both days.

Lodging: A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hilton Inn on Church Street at \$88.00 per night. Another Group has been reserved at the Holiday Inn World's Fair at \$90.00 per night. The deadline for rooms at these prices is February 15.

We encourage our members to make their reservation as soon as they can. If you let Linda Lindquest know you would like a roommate, we will try help coordinate.

Master Gardeners Class for 2016 has 21 people

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.