



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 02/23/2026

Magnolia Place Classroom

Attendees: Delores Garbarini, Chair; Peggy Threadgill, Vice-Chair; Vicky Aranda, Treasurer; Carol Goodman, Secretary; Operations Managers, Bill Griffin, Sandy Balch, Vicki Branscome, Kay Hampton, Steve Lindor; Past-President, Billy Penn

Meeting called to order 10am

Agenda:

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Garden spaces for members** – All members who currently want spaces have been assigned a garden bed or a greenhouse shelf.
2. **Google Calendar** - Delores and Vicky are continuing to refine the Google calendar process and will begin training others as soon as their work is finished.
3. **Garden Club projects**
 - For “*take your child to work*” day on April 23 Delores showed the group a sample gnome garden pot that each child will paint that morning. Delores is working with the art volunteers on the painting project. Billy, Bill, Sara, Delores and others will work with the children in the afternoon when the pots are planted with cuttings.
 - Delores will investigate if photos will be allowed. If yes, she will contact Nancy Michalek to be photographer that day.
 - Operations Managers are to send Delores their top priorities for 2026. Safety issues come first. We must be strategic in our requests. This is especially important due to the change in the Executive Director. Bill reported that Judy Griffin is researching a grant opportunity. This could potentially help with some of our projects.
 - The officers have identified fourteen possible volunteers. This project to obtain volunteers is ongoing.
4. **Fill & Till** – Delores gave percentages of F & T requests for Far West Garden
 - 3.7% fill only
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 - 55.6% fill and till
 - 11.1% nothing
 - 25.9% special instructions
 - Delores will write up the Fill & Till process and post to the website for future use as a reference.
5. **Monthly Programs**

- Peggy discussed the need for ideas for April and May programs. She asked for suggestions from members.
- 6. Peggy will explore transportation options such as a Highland Springs bus for the 3/16 presentation on hydroponics at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center
- 7. **Website** – Volunteer page has been updated
- 8. **Video** – Vicky suggested the completed video be edited to shorten it. Another video, *Why Join Garden Club*, is in planning stages. A video to focus on our bed gardening needs to be considered as the next video to develop.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Operations Managers' Report

- Steve reported replacements for two water taps have been ordered for the east garden.
- Vicki reported wood in the gardens was rotting and needed replacing. She has received the organic fire ant repellent. It will be used only by Operations Managers. Garden Club members will request fire ant treatment and the managers will take care of the problem.
- Kay reported there are two big bags of fertilizer in the west garden. It was ordered by General Services. Fertilizer is stored in all the garden sheds.
- Bill reported Neem oil was also ordered by General Services and is being stored in the greenhouse for use by the Greenhouse Manager.
- Currently there is a problem with infestation in the greenhouse. Bill will request fogging be done by General Services.
- No report currently for the cutting garden as still dormant.

2. Transportation to outside events

- Possible ways to have garden club members who do not drive obtain transportation to outside events was discussed. The potential issue of liability will be explored before any final decision.

3. Fountain View

- Any interaction with Fountain View for garden club tours, projects, etc. will be postponed until the garden area in Neighborhood 3 is opened.

4. Rodent control

- Billy talked to the committee about various methods of pest control in the gardens. It will be difficult to do anything permanent until DART finishes the walking path project. In the meantime, members will be informed that protecting their gardens this gardening season is important to plan for.

Meeting adjourned at 11:03.