

Garden Club Business Meeting Minutes - 2-3-2026



Business Meeting

Meeting called to order at 10am.

1. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes were approved as posted on the website.
(<https://hsdcommunity.org/garden>)

2. Treasurer's Report

- \$3,107.00 (includes all expenses to date)
- Operation's Managers have submitted their estimated expenditures for 2026. We're on track for 2026 spending that is similar to 2025.

3. Old Business

- Fill & Till has been completed. Good results. The gardens are ready for planting.
- Last month's program by *Gardenuity* was well received. It will be on HSTV for viewing.

4. Operations Manager's Reports

Greenhouse – Bill Griffin

- There's a new container for chemical storage that will prevent light and heat damage to the chemicals.
- The greenhouse is a delicate biosphere and currently has a couple of issues.
 - a. Odor from decaying matter and trash. Please clean out any trash and or standing water whether on, above, or below your shelf.
 - b. Varmints – It is likely the trash is attracting varmints. They are also eating healthy plants.

Far West Garden – Kay Hampton

- The water is back on, and she plans to put back the hoses. Help from gardeners will be appreciated. Now is a good time to plant as the beds are in good shape and moist from recent ice.

Cutting Garden – Sandy Balch

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- The cutting garden is resting for the winter. Seeds will be planted as planting time comes for each variety.

East Garden and West Garden

- No reports this month.

5. New Business

- New member, Pam Hoag-Brown, was introduced. Pam lives in Crestview Terrace.
- On April 23, the Garden Club will participate in “Take your child to work day”. HS Human Resources asked us to participate. We are partnering with Artists and Friends on the project. In the morning that day, the children will paint small pots. In the afternoon they will plant cuttings in their small pots. Weather permitting, there will be a tour of the gardens. Delores requested four volunteers for one-two hours. Contact her at 214-923-8732.
The children will be in small groups. They are expecting 10-15 children.
Delores told members about the newest Butterfly Garden on campus. It is between Tranquility Pond and Neighborhood 3 buildings. The garden has a sign indicating the name, *Monarch Gardens*, and stating it is a licensed and registered butterfly garden.
- An apron reorder is planned for March 9th. Buyers complete an ordering form for the aprons. They are \$25 each and come in 3 colors. The deadline for placing your request is March 9th.
- *Voices*, the monthly Highland Springs newsletter, is looking for a new editor and other key volunteers. Vicky announced that the newly created Advisory Committee will support the new editor and other *Voices* volunteers. Needed are writers, copy editors, cartoonists, photographers and story scouts.
- Publicity video – The members watched a brief publicity video for the Garden Club greenhouse. This video is on HSTV this month. Members were asked to fill out a questionnaire regarding the video to assist with design of future publicity videos.

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- Delores announced the next “Preparing for Spring” gardening program at the Dallas Renner Road Library will be 2/15/2026 from 1-3pm.
- Per requests from members, Garden Club officers will research carpooling and/or other transportation to these library events and report next month to the membership.

Meeting adjourned at 10:33am.



The monthly program followed the meeting: It was a video on growing plants from seeds. Following the video was a seed exchange for the members.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 3, 10am.

March Program: Peggy announced the program following the March business meeting will be a guest speaker, Master Gardener John Hunt, presenting “*Growing Tons of Tomatoes in North Texas*”.

- Garden Club website: (<https://hsdcommunity.org/garden>)