



Minutes – 03/03/2026 – Garden Club Business Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 10am.

1. Approval of Minutes

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

2. Treasurer's Report

- \$3,011.70 (includes all expenses to date)

3. Old Business

Delores commented that the 4th garden is under construction. She had toured with the Grounds Supervisor. There is electricity in the garden shed and a shade cover over the bench. Current estimates are that the garden will open in January of next year. It is across from Renner Square, the new assisted living building. The location will provide opportunities for residents in assisted living to interact with the Garden Club.

4. Operations Manager's Reports

Greenhouse – Bill Griffin

- Bill has prepared a sprayer with Neem oil that can be used in the greenhouse. Please read instructions on container that is in the new, tall unit where chemicals are stored.
- The greenhouse is a delicate biosphere and currently has several issues. Bill encouraged shelf-holders to get out to greenhouse and inspect their plants.

Far West Garden – Kay Hampton

- There is one problem water station. Kay has put a long hose in the garden that should help until water station repaired.

Cutting Garden – Sandy Balch

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

East Garden – Steve Linder

- There are two problem water stations in the East Garden. Steve has added long hoses to help until they are repaired.



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West Garden – Vicki Branscome

- She had walked around the West Garden with Ben, the Grounds Supervisor. He is aware of the issues and will obtain repairs. More granite will be added to pathways.
- Vicki commented it is time to fertilize onion plants.

5. New Business

- There were some visitors from Neighborhood 3 at the meeting. All were reminded there are a few open ground beds, raised beds and shelves in the greenhouse.
- There have been only a few orders for aprons. This drives up the cost substantially. Vicky requested that members complete an ordering form for new Garden Club aprons. For a larger order the aprons are \$25 each and come in 3 colors. The deadline for placing your request is March 9.
- Delores announced new opportunities for volunteers in the club. She mentioned that some members may be hearing from leadership team with volunteer needs. Suggested ideas are posted on the website.
- Our website: <https://hdscommunity.org/garden>

Meeting adjourned at 10:15am.

The monthly program followed the meeting: Guest speaker, Master Gardener John Hunt, presented “*Tons of Tomatoes*”. He had handouts with lots of information. The program was very informative.

John mentioned a garden club tour in Oak Cliff. It will be held May 9, 2026, 10am-4pm. He suggested those interested look on the website for details:

<https://www.txmg.org>

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 7, 2026, 10am

- Highland Springs Garden Club website:
(<https://hdscommunity.org/garden>)