

## **DCGO Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Tuesday, October 7, 2025

**Time:** 6:30 PM

**Location:** The Barn

### **Attendees:**

Taylor Levinson, John Kriek, Ann Bone, Jeff Leech, Richard Osterholtz, Anna Schoenbacher, Cyndi McGill, Jacob Hayes, Sarah Phillips, Beth Paschetto

**Call to Order:** 6:30 PM by Ann Bone

### **Chairman's Report**

**Presenter:** Ann B.

**Topics:** Call to Order, Review September Minutes, Review Annual Membership Meeting, Annual City Council presentation, Oct Garden of the month

- No corrections were made for the Sept minutes
  - Ann made motion to approve minutes, Richard 2nd, approved unanimously
- Annual Meeting Review
  - Good turnout and contributions from members bringing sides. Agreement on DCGO handling meat and desserts and let members bring sides for the future
  - A lot of leftover meat, suggested cut meat order down to about 20lbs, same with buns; 80 were ordered, and 20 were used
- Annual City Council presentation
  - City Council were complimentary but also surprised by total costs for DCGO and how much is funded by plant sale proceeds
- Oct Garden of Month: 203 Kame Awokoya
- Pam was out so no Pantry Bed update

### **Treasurer's Report**

**Presenter:** John

**Topics:** Budget Update

- ~\$20K in the bank currently, expect to end the year around \$23K
- Couple unexpected costs in soil and greenhouse lights
- -\$4K total for annual budget but otherwise solid for the year and future

### **Membership Report**

**Presenter:** Anna S.

**Topic:** Membership Update

- 1 surrender #411
- 2 new members: #411 and #104
- Waitlist: 21
- Almost renewal time, members are encouraged to let Anna know if not renewing for next year sooner rather than later. Need to set firm deadline on renewals and website/payment form may need updating to reflect that it's for 2026 year
- Discussion of potentially raising dues
  - DCGO's costs increases may necessitate an increase in dues to help cover upkeep and other costs
  - Board will revisit a potential dues increase in Summer of 2026 to have any changes presented to members at next year's Annual Meeting

### **Secretary Report**

**Presenter:** Jacob H.

**Topic:** Website Update

- Updates made from Annual Membership Meeting, please check for any typos.
- Would like to maybe update the home page to allow us to include more pictures in a wheel to show more pics, activities, etc.

## **Plant Sale/Tech Report**

**Presenter:** Cyndi.

**Topic:** Updating emails for new BOD members, Plant Sale dates?

- Went over process for getting into emails for new board members, will be changing back up recovery email to the secretary's account
- 2026 Plant Sale: April 17-19

## **Greenhouse Report**

**Presenter:** Richard

**Topics:** OLA Day of Service, cool season crops available.

- Greenhouse update: most beds switched over for fall crops, brassicas are available for the pantry beds, starting more collards
  - Foam was added to help with insulation, done with any planned greenhouse projects for the year
- OLA day of service: planted 10 pantry beds

## **Garden Report**

**Presenter:** Jeff, Taylor

**Topic:** Irrigation update, garden update, entry garden

- Irrigation:
  - 8 or 9 spouts in beds were replaced this year.
  - Jeff presented switching away from heads in each bed as that system is older and has increasingly needed maintenance. Suggestion was a handful of central hose reels in addition to the large hose reels on the ends of the garden
- Individual beds water will be turned off Dec 1st
- MLK Weekend Work Day for rebuilding the remaining beds needing maintenance
- Entrance garden update:
  - Main perennial plants are plants, boulders placed
  - Taylor has acquired pavers and sand as well as started cutting bamboo for the teepee

## **Communications Report**

**Presenter:** Sarah P

**Topics:** Transition, October newsletter

- Transitioned all resources already
- Contacted city to help advertise the next Master Gardener Talk on Oct 11

## **Events Report**

**Presenter:** Beth P.

**Topics:** Transition, Contacts received?

- Transitioned all resources already
- Tentative Wine & Cheese party date is May 8th

### **Misc**

- N/a

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:35 PM**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

Jacob Hayes

DCGO Recording Secretary