

DCOG Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, January 6, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: The Barn

Attendees:

John Krieck, Ann Bone, Jeff Leech, Richard Osterholtz, Anna Schoenbacher, Jacob Hayes, Sarah Phillips, Beth Paschetto, Pam Robinson, Taylor Levinson

Call to Order: 6:32PM by Ann Bone

Chairpersons' Report

Presenter: Ann B.

Topics: Call to Order, Review December Minutes, MLK Day of Service

- No corrections were made for the Dec minutes
- Jan Garden of the Month: Judith McWorter in bed #106, Runner up: Robin Meyers in bed #504
- MLK Day of Service
 - SignupGenius link is live and people have started signing up
 - May have help from local high school with 20 students
 - Beth out that weekend, will order coffee and food with Taylor picking it up
 - Jeff has ordered/acquired supplies needed and more soil/compost for new beds and filling others
 - Pam to get screws for new labels that came in
 - May add another team for setting up hoops for the pantry beds for cold/frost protection
- Gate code will be changed at the end of January

Plant Sale Report

Presenter: Ann, on behalf of Cyndi

Topics: Transition to cooler weather

- Cyndi will be in touch with John to coordinate regarding account owner change for the online payments received at the plant sale.
- Asked opinions of disposal of large arborvitae - decided to use them decoratively AND to price them for sale.
- Planting, space reservation, tags and Crier ad are all in progress. Sarah circulated sample formats for Crier ad.

Greenhouse Report

Presenter: Richard

Topics: Transition to cooler weather

- 2/3s of lights have been replaced with the remaining to be done soon
- Plant sale plans are set for seed starting
- Will be gone for Feb meeting

Membership Report

Presenter: Anna S.

Topic: Membership Update

- Over 90% of members renewed on time
- 2 new members, 4 surrenders, waitlist is at 24 currently
- Some new affiliates
- Will be reaching out to a few remaining non renewals

Treasurer's Report

Presenter: John

Topics: EOY Budget Overview

- Small expected loss for the year due to some unplanned projects taken on, but reserves are plenty sufficient and DCGO is well situated going into the new year
- There was one small question about a half month of mowing in March for 2026 planning, Jeff confirmed we should expect to have mowing in March for half month, can always remove it if not necessary
- 2026 is expected to run a ~\$2000 deficit which is fine
- No new items may be added to budget until after plant sale to see how that shapes up

Secretary Report

Presenter: Jacob

Topic: Website Updates, Master Gardener talk descriptions

- Updates are completed on the home page and for Master gardener talks on calendar
- Presenters on Master Gardener talks are encouraged to give descriptions and any other info they may have or want added to the site before their talks

Co-Chairperson Report

Presenter: Pam

Topic: Harvest team updates

- 2025 Harvest team total was 2163 lbs of food donated
- Will consider planting more flowers to share with the food pantry distribution
- Will need a few volunteers to tend the new pantry beds to be built on MLK Day of Service

Events Report

Presenter: Beth.

Topics: MLK Day Refreshments

- Beth will handle ordering coffee and Donuts for MLK Day of Service

Communications Report

Presenter: Sarah

Topics: January newsletter, MLK Day of service comms

- Jan Garden of the Month and MLK Day of Service are highlights for Jan newsletter

Garden Report

Presenter: Jeff/Taylor

Topic: MLK Day of Work plan, entrance garden update

- Taylor suggested using some of the leaves accumulated as mulch for some of the beds, Jeff was able to coordinate someone to mulch a lot of them with lawnmower for that purpose
- Teepee in entrance garden is up and Taylor wants people to check it out as well as “give it a wiggle” just to make sure it’s all stable and to let her know if anything off with it
- Will need perennials in the entrance garden before SNAP Dragons garden event

Misc

- N/a

Meeting Adjourned: 7:37 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacob Hayes

DCGO Recording Secretary