

DCGO BOARD MEETING

MEETING DATE: November 1, 2022

ATTENDEES: Ann Bone, Eleanor Geddes, John Kriek, Jeff Leech, Cyndi McGill, Richard Osterholtz, Sheila Wilder, and Ann Wright

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Cyndi McGill.

Jeff Leech motioned to approve the October 4, 2022, minutes with corrections. Ann Bone seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Ann Bone motioned to approve the October 9, 2022, Annual minutes with corrections. Sheila Wilder seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Update - presented by Ann Bone

Pantry Bed

- Pantry bed tenders needed for beds #24 & #26
- Pantry beds fully planted for fall
- Harvest team YTD 1600 lbs. of food

Newsletter

- Request for pantry bed volunteers
- Annual meeting accomplishments
- New and renewal applications
- Facebook page introduction
- Monthly Master Gardener talk on Pruning
- Members encouraged to drop off pumpkins at the garden to be donated to Malachi's Storehouse
- Cyndi suggested adding an article about Art becoming Gardener Emeritus and additional info regarding the Bylaw changes

Membership Update – presented by Eleanor Geddes

- New members added -103 Janice Alvarez, 112 Rebecca Blankenship, 412 April Whitt, and affiliate membership Hannah Wilson
- Two relinquished plots
- Surrender letters have been sent to 3 members
- Currently there are 4 open plots
- Warning emails have been sent to 8 members to clear out their plots

Treasurer's Report – presented by John Kriek

- Total funds available: \$ 15,000
- Previous financial statements are being converted to Excel program
- Exploring changing from debit card to credit card for expenses.
- Discussion on capping authorized board members spending limit from \$500 to \$250
- Budget for 2023 in progress

Greenhouse Update – presented by Richard Osterholtz

- Fall vegetables are still available if needed for pantry beds
- All beds in the greenhouse complex have been planted
- Spring sale planting is underway

Main Garden Update – presented by Bill Grossman

- 10 plots will require rebuilding prior to the spring season
- 5 plots have been rebuilt
- City of Dunwoody has agreed to install a concrete walkway at the front gate
- Options concerning the current gates were discussed with fencing company. Back gate will be eliminated, the 2 side gates will remain as is with the addition of mechanical push button lock. All agreed to order 1 lock as a test that will be added to the parking lot gate with an extended chain
- Jeff will look into new cable/chain for the area
- Front gate estimate will include replacing entrance fencing, transom, addition of 4' gate with automatic close and keypad

Social Director's Recap – presented by Shelia Wilder

- Successful annual fall cookout, total cost \$600

- Remaining wine from the cookout will be donated to the holiday harvest party as a thank you for all their hard work throughout the year
- Discussion on addition of get togethers after the MG monthly talks to increase membership

Community Outreach and Communication – presented by Cyndi McGill

- Hannah Wilson will start assisting Kame Awokoya

New Business – presented by Cyndi McGill

- Soil3 no further updates
- Membership new/renewing membership close to going online
- Requirement for 2023 year will require waiver of liability signature
- Volunteer request
 - Richard Osterholtz has agreed to volunteer at the Payo Employee Wellness Day.
 - Girl Scouts have requested a member to speak with the scouts on trees. Currently no board members are available, request will be sent to the Master Gardeners.
 - Parks and Rec requesting the Snapdragon Garden be considered, spring 2023.

With no further business, Jeff Leech made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm. Motion was seconded by Ann Bone and meeting was concluded.

Next scheduled Board meeting December 6, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Wright
Recording Secretary