

Date of meeting: April 5, 2022
DUNWOODY COMMUNITY GARDEN BOARD MEETING

ATTENDEES: Ann Bone, Sandra DuBois, Bill Grossman, Jeff Lynch, Cyndi McGill, Richard Osterholtz, Art Simon, Sheila Wilder, and Ann Wright

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Cyndi McGill.

Minutes from the last BOD meeting held March 1, 2022, were presented by Ann Wright. Motion made by Ann Bone to accept the minutes as amended. Motion was seconded by Jeff Leech and unanimously accepted.

Vice Chair Update – presented by Ann Bone

Pantry Bed and Harvest Team Update

- Harvest YTD 260.5 pounds
- Pantry beds have been partially planted.
- Ann has polled pantry bed tenders and their request for plants have been submitted to Art Simon for fulfillment.

Newsletter

- Upcoming newsletter will include information on the Wine and Cheese as well as the plant sale.

- Information will be made available on plants to add to the April Garden.

Membership Update – presented by Cyndi McGill for Eleanor Geddes

- Currently eight individuals on the waiting list.
- Four new members: Stacey Brandenburg #516, Nikki McNeil #304, Brenda Lewallen #209, and Debbi Simmons #603.
- Two surrenders accepted and moved to affiliate status, beds #103
- and #603.
- Open beds #412 and #103.
- Gentle reminders have been sent to 22 members with unmaintained beds which has resulted in two bed surrenders. Eleanor will follow up with reminders again this week.

Treasurer's Report – presented by Bill Grossman

- Total funds available \$7200.

Greenhouse Update – presented by Art Simon

- Art reports greenhouse crew is on schedule and ready for the plant sale
- YTD spring plant sales \$400.
- Greenhouse is currently well staffed with volunteers.

Main Garden Update – presented by Jeff Leech

- Jeff reported all the water is on in the garden including the individual beds.
- Currently on the schedule to rebuilt four plots.
- Charity beds will be rebuilt in the fall.
- Garden cleanup is scheduled for May 9th, as of this date all overgrown beds will be cleaned out and unusable plants composted.
- Janet Fett has agreed to donate a heavy-duty mulcher to the garden.
- Richard Osterholtz reported the signs of spring are unfolding in the garden from the paw paws to the fruit trees all starting to emerge.

Social Director's Recap – presented by Sheila Wilder

- Planning for the Wine & Cheese is currently underway.
- Current budget \$700.
- Date has been set for 4/29.
- Invitations will be sent out to all the appropriate groups, RSVP by 4/25.
- Signage will be added in the garden possibly in the shape of a wine glass notifying members of the upcoming event.
- Tielke Baker has volunteered to pressure wash the covered barn area.
- Bill Grossman reported the required certificate for the event has been obtained.
- Contingency plan in place for the wine and cheese in case of rain.

New Business – presented by Cyndi McGill

- Dunwoody Sustainability Hero award is scheduled for 4/11/2022 at City Hall.
- Insight Global has scheduled a corporate workday on 4/20/2022, in the greenhouse complex area which will consist of cleaning and organizing the garden pots behind the barn.
- All pots deemed unusable for our needs will be donated to the State Propagation Project located at Stone Mountain.
- Workday scheduled on 4/19 for plant sale prep.
- Ramos Caribbean Regional Director of the Boy Scouts has contacted Cyndi McGill inquiring on volunteer opportunities. Suggested a meeting to be scheduled at the complex where he could assess what he felt the scouts could complete.
- Possible projects include-shade structure for plants, new picket fence, drains, entrance signs for garden and greenhouse complex.
- All projects would need prior approval from the city.
- Board is to consider possible age-appropriate task for the boys and report back at the May meeting.
- Garden plot renumbering has been completed. Plant labeling is in progress with shade plants completed.
- Work on the Facebook private group continues however the mentorship portion has been placed on hold.
- Discussion on providing insecticidal soap, Neem oil and BT in spray bottles for use by members in their raised bed.

- All agreed to go forward with the use of insecticides and place the bottles in the shed at the garden for member usage.

With no further business, Sheila Wilder made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm. Motion was seconded by Art Simon and meeting was concluded.

Next scheduled meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Wright
Recording Secretary