

DCGO BOD Meeting Minutes, December 2, 2025

Attending: Ann Bone, Anna Schoenbaechler, Taylor Levinson, Cyndi McGill, Sarah Phillips, Pam Robinson, Richard Osterholtz, Jeff Leech

Ann called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

Richard motioned and Cyndi seconded the acceptance of the November minutes as distributed by Jacob earlier.

Ann asked for 2026 budget request info from each BOD member anticipating expenditures.

Richard reported that the Greenhouse budget will be \$5,200 with the largest expenses to be in January, February, April and August as he phases in replacement grow-lighting fixtures. He budgeted for 5 bags of Soil3 as well as seed orders. Richard will amend his seed expenses from \$300 to \$150 since the Plant Sale budget covers seeds needed for the sale.

Ann asked Richard to forward the 2026 Master Gardener Talks schedule to her for further dissemination.

Ann presented the Events budget for Beth, estimating \$3,150 based upon last year's expenditures. Beth will reconsider the amount of meats to order from Morty's for the 2026 Annual Meeting since there were so many leftovers in 2025.

Garden - Jeff explained the idea of replacing each bed's ball valve and hose bib, installing them at soil level with reinforcement from rebar driven into the soil alongside each faucet. He estimates that \$1,600 will cover all costs. Jeff stated that the rebar will penetrate into the native soil sufficiently to prevent accidental "break-off's" of the faucets. No date was selected yet. Jeff submitted an overall budget of \$8,350, anticipating that Dunwoody Pine Straw may raise their monthly rate by \$50 (April - October). Pam asked if additional spigots would be installed at Pantry Beds and Jeff explained that they will not at this time.

Plant Sale - Cyndi submitted a 2026 budget of \$1,855 to cover seeds, labels, outside plant purchases, signage and advertising.

Co-Chair expenses - Pam submitted budget request for a large Dry-Erase board for the Barn, frost covers and hoops for the Pantry Beds and plot number brackets for all garden beds, totalling \$900.

Secretary - Ann stated that our annual fees to Kapp Concepts and NameCheap will be about \$700. She also stated that the Treasurer would budget for state registration fees.

John was unable to attend but will consolidate all the above and present the 2026 budget estimate to the Board at the January meeting.

MLK Day of Service is set for Monday, January 19, 2026 from 9 AM till noon. Projects for volunteers at DCGO will include:

Jeff - leading 8 volunteers to construct 2 new Pantry Beds and to rebuild several deteriorated beds.

Pam - leading 4 volunteers installing bed number brackets, possibly bed numbers. She needs 4 drills.

Taylor - leading 3-4 volunteers cleaning and sorting the shed and sanitizing all the tools.

Richard - leading 2-3 volunteers tightening up the wheels on all the wheelbarrows.

Cyndi and Ann - leading weeding volunteers

John - leading raking and leaf disposal volunteers.

We will cap our volunteer request at 30.

Cyndi will construct a Sign-Up Genius sheet detailing the above needs and provide the link to Ann who will forward it to the City for its MLK campaign.

Membership - Anna reported only 19 renewals so far and one Affiliate renewal. We have one new member in #503 and two offers outstanding for #410 and #512. Our wait list is now 22 people, including the two offers outstanding.

Communications - Sarah will stress renewing memberships in the newsletter and prepare two "last minute" blasts.

Cyndi relayed an offer from Dave Siegler - that we pay \$5 for supplies (paint) for each birdhouse constructed from scrap lumber from his garden's latest project. We will sell them at the Plant Sale. All agreed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Bone for Jacob Hayes