

## DCGO BOD Meeting Minutes, July 9, 2024

Attending: Cyndi McGill, Richard Osterholtz, Ann Bone, John KriECK, Eleanor Geddes, Ann Wright, Jeff Leech

Cyndi called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM

Ann B. asked for corrections or changes to the June minutes already distributed to BOD members. Dave Siegler emailed a correction to reflect that the Clover device should remain in the Barn within the GH complex. All approved the minutes with this correction. Ann will send the corrected minutes to Dave for posting.

Ann W. asked who can go to Malachi's Storehouse for food. Eleanor explained that arriving people are asked to complete a form but that anyone is welcome.

Vice-Chair - Cyndi presented Dave's report that the Harvest Team has taken 1,249.64 lbs to Malachi's YTD, that the Pantry Beds are fully tended, that Dave will lead the split rail fence repair/replacement project and is gathering information. Cyndi added that Foodwell Alliance has asked to include DCGO in its "donated food poundage" report and we agreed to participate.

Membership - Eleanor reported that we have zero empty plots, a waiting list of 11 names and that she has sent a Surrender Notice to plot 501 which has not been planted since last Fall. No action was taken after the Final Notice was sent earlier, so this plot is forfeited. Eleanor asked for suggestions regarding plot 602 (Bill Grossman). She will offer him Affiliate status.

Treasurer - John reported a current balance of approximately \$29,000, projected that we will end the year with about \$26,000, subject to any new projects not now known. John distributed new credit cards to Cyndi, Jeff, Richard and Ann W.

Greenhouse - Richard reported that summer crops are doing well with many peppers and eggplants now ripe for harvest. He is planning his seeding and germination for Fall crops, specifically kale, chard, collards, mustard greens, lettuces and leeks. Eleanor has ordered "a lot" of garlic. Richard will order onion sets. Ann B. will bring the recent seed donations from Ace Hardware to Richard later this week. Richard reported that the rabbit(s) have gotten into the sweet potatoes at the GH.

Garden - Jeff reported that all outstanding water issues are taken care of. He received a \$9,000 estimate for keypad entry boxes to be welded onto the existing gates from one contractor, but does not believe that this is a good solution. He will meet with the City's lock vendor 7/10 at the garden. Cyndi asked to attend. Jeff stated that Gabe Neps with P&R has offered to put gate locks in the P&R budget. Cyndi reported that she has also called a driveway gate contractor who suggested new gates with pin pads at an estimated \$10,000 for 3 gates. She added that she had received a call from Rachel Waldron with the City asking what projects we would like the City's budgetary help with. John mentioned that it is in the City's best interests to control

access to the garden. Cyndi reported that the Ace Handyman Service rep who had looked at the broken split rail fence has never called back. Eleanor asked if we have NEEM oil at the garden and Jeff stated that he would place some there in the morning, correctly diluted.

Social - Ann W. asked whether we should offer BBQ or do a cookout for the Annual Meeting on 9/29/24. BBQ won the vote. Ann will schedule evites with an RSVP cutoff date of 9/16.

Community Outreach - Cyndi reported that the July MG Talk notices had been distributed.

New Business -

- Nikki O'Neil will host a women's club event the afternoon of 7/13 with a tour of the GH, spider plant planting and a tour of the Garden. She has still not filed the alcohol permit request with the City. Jeff will assist at the Garden.
- Rod Pittmann's gazebo is awaiting assembly, parts now in the small GH. Huge thanks to Richard and Jeff for man-handling it there! Cyndi stated that the donor, Dr. Bouchard, specifically wants Rod's family invited and involved. Rod's son, Eddie, is delighted and will participate. Dave Alexander at the City has told Cyndi that we will need a permit for this construction. It was agreed that any permit costs would be paid by DCGO.
- Mitch McGill memorial "shade shack" is being designed by his friend, Russ Colgrove. Russ suggests that the structure incorporate the four most central posts of the existing structures to support a centered roof structure. He is working on a cost estimate. He suggests that the existing benches be replaced since they are in bad condition. Cyndi offered to augment any needed funds. Jeff suggested that this will be a good Fall project. Eleanor suggested that DCGO donate the funds for new benches and all agreed.
- Cyndi reminded the BOD that the 2024-25 slate for the BOD must be sent to members no later than 8/29 per the Bylaws. She made several suggestions:
  - Plant Sale is such a major effort that it should become its own BOD position to off-load this task from the Chairperson. Cyndi proposed that she and Ann B. would share this position on the BOD, each with ½ vote. This also ensures that the immediate past Chair and the Chair before that will continue on the BOD as resources for the incoming Chairperson.
  - An unnamed DCGO member has indicated interest in joining the BOD in some position, TBD. Cyndi will follow up with him/her to get a better idea of interests and skill-set. Additional names were also mentioned as potential BOD members.
  - The Bylaws state that a single person may occupy more than one BOD position, which will allow the Vice-Chair to also be the Recording Sec'y, taking minutes at BOD meetings. This will strengthen the Vice-Chair's knowledge of DCGO business. The BOD discussed several potential candidates.
  - Community Outreach should be renamed "Communications" and add the newsletter creation to existing social media and news media responsibilities.
  - Taylor Levinson has agreed to co-chair the Garden Dir. position with Jeff. She brings a huge skill-set to the table and will focus on building the Garden volunteer

team and keeping the BOD posted on any garden issues. John suggested that she should have a detailed list of responsibilities.

- Eleanor Geddes will relinquish the Membership position but assured *everyone* that she has/is thoroughly documenting all the procedures she has developed for membership renewals, on-boarding new members and terminating non-compliant members when needed. Cyndi is approaching several potential replacements.
- As it stands, the 2024-25 BOD slate will be:
  - Chair - Dave Siegler
  - Vice-Chair / Recording Secretary -
  - Treasurer - John Kriek
  - Membership -
  - Garden - Jeff Leech and Taylor Levinson
  - Greenhouse - Richard Osterholtz
  - Communications - Kame Awokoya
  - Plant Sale - Cyndi McGill and Ann Bone

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ann Bone  
Recording Secretary

NOTE: The August BOD meeting will be Tuesday, August 6 at 6:30 PM.