

DCGO BOD Meeting Minutes, March 7, 2023

Cyndi McGill called the meeting to order at 6:42 PM. Present were Kame Awokoya, Cyndi McGill, Ann Bone, Eleanor Geddes and Sheila Wilder, barely forming a quorum.

The draft minutes for the February meeting were discussed with several corrections:

- Page 1, "Zell" should be "Zelle".
- Page 2, Treasurer's Report, Pantry Bed budget should be \$600.
- Page 3, Social Update, discussion of Open House, delete "tentative" and "date TBD".
- Page 3, New Business, "Bentz" should be "Benz" and the date should be 4/15.
- Page 4, Proposed 2023 Calendar, Open House should be 4/15.

Eleanor motioned that the February minutes be approved as amended, Sheila seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Vice-chairperson Update - Ann Bone reported that the YTD harvests total 45.5 lbs and that several pantry beds are currently empty. She will include Snap!Dragon's Garden and the 4/15 Open House in the upcoming newsletter.

Membership - Eleanor Geddes reported 3 new members:

- Matiia Kuzamina, #208
- Savannah Smith, #608
- Myka Lee, #609

We are still awaiting a check from Bhasana Barot, #613 and currently have no one on the WaitList.

Treasurer - not present.

Greenhouse - Cyndi McGill reported that the 3/18 GH workday turns out not to be appropriate for Boy Scout involvement for safety reasons. The workday will include construction of a new picket fence and a GH cleanout/cleanup day. Richard will haul metal trash for recycling. Eleanor will post on various social media that we have thousands of 3-gallon plastic nursery pots for anyone to take. The vegetable seedlings for the Spring Plant Sale and use in the pantry beds are coming up well.

Garden - Cyndi McGill reported that Jeff's welcome communication to the Garden team members has gone out and Jeff is considering potential projects for his team. Cyndi will remind him of the needed replacement of Pantry bed 19.

Social - Sheila Wilder reported on preparations for the 4/15 Open House:

- The event will occur from 9AM till 10:30 AM with no rain date.
- Very informal event with name tags to include member's plot # and certain name tags to include "Ask Me About _____" for volunteer experts, such as:
 - Pest control
 - Square-foot gardening

- Pollinators
 - Organic fruits
 - Soil
 - Pantry beds
- Activities such as voting for the “best rabbit fence”, “most attractive”, “strangest plant”, etc. and a Scavenger Hunt.
 - Refreshments will include coffee (box), donut holes, water, lemonade.

Community Outreach - Kame Awokoya reported that she has prepared 2 articles for our newsletter and that she has info for 2 “Meet the BODmembers” articles. All announcement outlets have info on the MG Talks. Artwork for the Spring Plant Sale stickers for the Crier is being prepared.

New Business -

- Cyndi McGill reported that the Sunflower project created by the City’s Econ Development Dept is being driven by the Dunwoody Women’s Club and that our contribution will be 400-600 sunflower seedlings which Art will seed soon. DCGO has provided the City and DWC with info for planting and caring for the seedlings which will be picked up about May 1.
- Eleanor Geddes reported that all is set for the mentorship group visit to the garden 3/16.
- Snap! Dragon’s Garden - Cyndi McGill will obtain the plants needed to fill the colored cans by 3/25. The City is providing music, treats and snacks for the event on 3/25.
- Illinois Mission Group visit on 6/20 will be in coordination with the DCGO Master Gardener workday.
- Shade Sail - discussion deferred to a future BOD meeting.
- DCGO in-garden signage for the trash area has shipped. Mounting clips are included.
- DCGO main garden signage - Cyndi McGill reported that the graphic artist previously suggested is not available but we are pursuing using a Cricut machine to design a stencil.
- Volunteer Teams - all volunteer teams have received communication from their team leaders with the exception of the Pantry Beds team.
- Additional potential projects - discussion deferred to future BOD meeting.

Sheila Wilder made a motion that the meeting adjourn which Cyndi McGill seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

The April BOD meeting will be at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, April 4, 2023. Be there!!

