DCGO BOARD MEETING

Meeting Date: June 4, 2024

Attendees: John Kriek, Jeff Leech, Cyndi McGill, Richard Osterholtz, Anna Schoenbaehler, Dave Siegler, and Ann Wright

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM by Cyndi McGill.

The May minutes were submitted and approved as written.

**Vice Chair's Update** - presented by Dave Siegler

**Pantry Bed:**

* Currently there are two pantry bed openings, Anna volunteered to tend one of the beds.
* The YTD harvest is 553.6 lbs, 40lbs ahead of this time last year.

**Membership -** presented by Cyndi McGill

* Waitlist: 7
* Warning notices have been sent to 7 members.

**Treasurer’s Report** - presented by John Kriek:

* Total funds available: $30,000, with a $3,000 surplus.
* Savings (CDs): $16,000.
* Memorial donation for Rod Pittman: $1,500.
* New credits will be distributed to Board members when available.
* Clover machines will remain in the greenhouse.

**Greenhouse Update** - presented by Richard Osterholtz:

* Greenhouse is in good shape.
* Peppers have been planted; greens and green beans are starting to bloom.
* Volunteers are needed for Tuesday mornings from 9 AM to 12 PM.

**Main Garden Update** - presented by Cyndi McGill/Jeff Leech:

* It has been determined that there will be no need for the Water Workday.
* Discussion on the need to place a sign in the garden with information on who to text/call in the event of water or other issues. Cyndi will draft the information for the new sign.
* Stainless steel hoses have been installed and well-received; however, they will need new nozzles. Dave has agreed to purchase two nozzles for the orchard and two for the main garden.
* Ace Hardware handyman service will provide an estimate on replacing the split rail fence on Thursday. Materials will be purchased by DCGO, and Ace has agreed to provide the labor pro bono.

**Social Director** - presented by Ann Wright:

* Date for the Annual meeting has been set for September 29, 2024, at 4 PM. Dinner will follow from 5 PM to 7 PM.

**Community Outreach and Communication** - presented by Cyndi McGill:

* MG talk will be held in the experimental garden next to the barn.

**New Business** - presented by Cyndi McGill:

* Jeff mentioned when he went to the garden, the gates were unlocked. Signs stressing the need to keep the gates locked will be posted on all entrances. Cyndi will draft the new signs.
* Garden security will be addressed with Ace services for suggestions on replacing the locks and gates. Discussion on the possibility of replacing the locks with keypads. Jeff agreed to speak with a locksmith for options.
* Nicki O’Neil will host a women’s group event at the GH complex on July 13, 2024, for 15-20 women. Kame, Eleanor, and Dave have agreed to provide a tour, soil, and plants for the event. Nicki will clean the barn and will be responsible for the group’s wine permit and deposit with the city.
* Discussion on replacing the gazebo with funds provided by Dr. Bouchard, in memory of founding member Rod Pittman. Gabe will be contacted to check the possibility of Tri Scapes pouring the slab with city approval. If approved, a workday will be scheduled to remove the old structure.
* Discussion on replacing the two pergolas in the main garden and consolidating into one large seating area at the back with solar-powered ceiling fans in memory of Mitch McGill. Cyndi suggested that she has a friend who will design and build the seating area.

**Newsletter:**

* Volunteers needed Tuesday mornings from 9 AM to 12 PM in the greenhouse and one pantry bed farmer.
* Contact information (text Jeff) for garden issues, including bed repairs, water problems, locks, and security concerns.
* Be on the lookout for annual Mexican bean beetles in your beds.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Wright