

DCGO BOARD MEETING

MEETING DATE: February 7, 2023

Attendees: Ann Bone, Eleanor Geddes, John Kriek, Jeff Leech, Cyndi McGill, Richard Osterholtz, Sheila Wilder, and Ann Wright

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Cyndi McGill.

Eleanor Geddes motioned to approve the January 7, 2023, minutes as distributed. Ann Bone seconded the motion.

Vice Chair Update – Ann Bone

Pantry Bed

- Harvest to date 21.8 pounds, down from previous year due to the hard freeze
- Harvest will be completed every other week

Newsletter

- Welcome from the chairperson
- Welcome to new members

Membership Update – presented by Eleanor Geddes

Eleanor suggested considering Zell for future payments, currently there are no fees associated with the service.

- Currently one resignation
 - Morris Carter #208
- New members
 - Andrew Hoag #502
 - Erick Emde #302
 - Sharon Podlin # 505
 - Nina Sharpe #200
 - Pansy Kirksey #416
 - Anna Schoenbaechler #611

- Ricardo Smith #100
- Ryan Bertetta #209
- Open Plots
 - 208
 - 608
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- Nonpayment currently seven members
- Awaiting checks- one member
- Affiliate members- five members
- Two memberships were offered but timeline expired
- Tours conducted by Cyndi and Eleanor

Treasurer's Report – presented by John Kriek

- Current balance \$17,000
- Expenditures over \$250 must be cleared by Cyndi and John
 - \$600 Fence and gate replacement
 - \$1000 Soil 3
 - \$1200 Pantry beds

Greenhouse Update – presented by Richard Osterholtz

- Transitioning into spring activities
- Greenhouse beds have been replanted
- Ornamentals, peppers, tomatoes, and sweet potatoes have been started for the plant sale

Main Garden Update – presented by Jeff Leech

- MLK Day of Service Workday largest turn out to date
- Thirty-five volunteers completed general cleanup, bed repairs, and installation of pavers in front of shed.
- Replacement fence and gate have been installed

Eleanor suggested a review of the workday. One issue of concern going forward- organization of volunteers especially the sign in process and set up prior to be considered

Social Update- Sheila Wilder

- Snapdragon is scheduled for March 25, 2023
- Discussion on Open house to be held in the garden. MG would be available to offer 1 on 1 coaching as members rotate thru selected plots. Tentative date 4/15
- Going forward only drinks will be provided at the monthly MG Talks
- Additional event-Welcome to the Garden discussed with goal to encourage members to become involved in the garden. Date TBD.

Community Outreach and Communication – presented by Cyndi McGill

- Two front-page tease ads have been purchased for the plant sale
- MG talk has been posted
- Greenhouse and Harvest teams will meet with Dunwoody Reporter to observe and photograph the areas. May -October best months to photograph.
- Events scheduled April thru June will need to be submitted by 2/9/2023

Old Business – presented by Cyndi McGill

- Second delivery Soil 3 has been received- \$1000

New Business -presented by Cyndi McGill

- Mercedes Bentz colleagues will present a raised bed in the greenhouse complex in memory of Steve Englander on 4/5. Members will facilitate the dedication
- Mission group consisting of 25 junior high school students from Illinois would like to complete a project in the Main Garden. Jeff has agreed to lead the project that will run from 7/16-7/22
- Discussion on potential 2023 projects:
 - Greenhouse- Richard reported rebuilding the thirty-foot picket fence including painting, projected cost \$325
 - Cyndi reported addition and upgrading signage projected cost \$75. Agreed by all to reinstall the large garden sign
 - Ann Wright reported on options for sun sails.
- Volunteer Update- list have been compiled and sent to Board members. Cyndi recommended leads send a welcome email to their teams, including description of requirements and dates of the events
- Social Events team will be managed thru Signup Genius

- Two weeks minimum required for notice when sending request to Cyndi.
- Thank you to Eleanor for ongoing help initiating and managing the new membership process.
- Proposed 2023 Calendar
 - March 18 Fence installation
 - March 25 Snapdragon in the Garden (plant pots and watering team)
 - April 25 Open House
 - April 28-30 Spring Plant Sale
 - April 28 Wine & Cheese
 - July 16-22 Illinois volunteer group project
 - October 14 Fall Plant Sale
 - October 15 Annual Meeting
 - TBD-Summer Open House in the garden
- DCGO will host Chestnut Elementary students led by Eleanor on March 16 at 2:30pm.

With no further business, Sheila Wilder motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm.
Motion was seconded by Richard Osterholtz.

Next scheduled Board meeting **March 7, 2023**

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Wright
Recording Secretary