

MINUTES
September 7, 2021
DUNWOODY COMMUNITY GARDEN BOARD MEETING

MEETING DATE: September 7, 2021

ATTENDEES: Tielke Baker, Jeff Leech, Art Simon, Shelia Wilder, Ann Bone, Teresa Hennessee, and Cyndi McGill

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm est by Tielke Baker

Minutes from the last BOD meeting held August 3rd were presented. A few corrections were made. Motion made by Cyndi to accept the Minutes as amended. Motion was seconded by Art and unanimously accepted.

Membership Update – presented by Cyndi McGill

- There were 2 members who Cyndi received bounce back messages when attempting to contact via email . . . Linda Zilles and Lori Altman. Cyndi doesn't have an email address for Linda and the email for Laura is a different email. Cyndi to see Laura this Sunday at the annual meeting and secure correct email address.
- We have received 2 resignations from garden members (plots # 103 and 301) since the last meeting. Those members will now go to affiliate membership status.
- We have two new members: Emily Barton in plot 103 and Sharon MrConich in plot 301.
- Question arose regarding priority preference for Dunwoody residents for our current waiting list for plots in the main garden. After discussion, motion made by art to
 - Rank order for preference for those on the waiting list for plots in the main garden should be: (1) Volunteers, (2) Dunwoody residents, (3) those with Affiliate Membership status, and (4) all others on the waiting list in chronological order of request.Motion was seconded by Shelia and was unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's Report – presented by Tielke Baker

- Bill Grossman was not in attendance, but left a report, which Tielke read as follows:
- Total funds available: \$5,814.66 as of September 2, 2021. Broken out by checking, \$1,532.99; savings of \$3,863.99; and \$417.68 in PayPal.

Greenhouse Update – presented by Art Simon

- We are in the throes of planting for the upcoming Fall Plant Sale as well as two-day sale this weekend: Saturday during the Master Gardener session and Sunday during the annual meeting. No publication of the sale for this weekend has been sent out to the public. This sale is only for those attending the two events.
- We have great volunteers who typically come out on Tuesdays to help in the greenhouse. Richard Osterholtz, Master Gardener, is under studying with Art Simon in the greenhouse.
- We have a shortage of broccoli. It was potted up but appears to have disappeared. Art is working to germinate more seeds to have plants available for the Fall Plant sale to be held October 16 and 17

Main Garden Update – presented by Jeff Leech

- The lawn crew have scalped the grass. Jeff met with Roberto and requested they pick up their clippings and raise the level of the lawn mower blades. Tielke advised that they were not using a bagger to collect the clippings. We have a contract with Dunwoody Pine Straw (lawn maintenance vendor) through October 2021. Jeff to research and find other bids (approximately 5 other vendors) to provide lawn service for the garden for next year.
- Jeff rebuilt two garden beds in the main garden. Lumber prices have come down. He can now build an 8 x 4-foot bed for approximately \$37.00 vs. approximately \$60.00 14 months ago.

Annual Meeting Update – presented by Shelia Wilder

- We have not generated a lot of RSVPs for the annual meeting to be held this Sunday at the Barn Complex. We anticipate 40 persons. None of the Dunwoody elected officials have responded.
- We will set up the tables and chairs this Saturday after the Master Gardener session
- Due to Covid, no family style dining. All food will be in individual containers or able to be speared with a fork. There will be separate tables for food on the patio and in the Barn to keep social distancing in place.
- Tielke to provide a large cooler and 3 bags of ice.
- Jeff volunteered to set up the speakers and provide music
- Volunteers will be needed to clean up following the annual meeting
- City to deliver 25 chairs and 4 tables
- Cost for the event (food/beverage, paperware, etc.) is right at \$500.00

Community Outreach – presented by Ann Bone

- Publicity has been sent out for the Master Gardener session to the usual outlets: Aha, Patch, to all Master Gardeners, Dunwoody News, our newsletter to members and our website.
- After the annual meeting, Ann will work on the Fall Plant Sale notices
- We had a photo shoot in the main garden a couple weeks ago from the Atlanta Junior League. They were featuring food insecurity.

New Business – presented by Cyndi McGill

- Richard Osterholtz is interested in shadowing Art in the Greenhouse to learn the ropes and eventually to take over the major responsibility of greenhouse management.
- Teresa raised the question, is Richard a Garden Member? Richard is not a member of the garden. However, we could make him an Affiliate Member. Ann made a motion to nominate Richard Osterholtz as an honorary affiliate member. He does not have voting ability until Art is no longer on the Board. The motion was seconded by Shelia Wilder and unanimously approved.

Fall Plant Sale:

- Fall Plant Sale scheduled for October 15 and 16, 2021. We have a call out to members for transplants. Lynn Coltman responded. Tielke has 40 cuttings of “Ms. Huff”, but they won’t be ready until the Spring Plant Sale.
- We are sold out of Hosta’s. Cyndi advised that Growers Outlet in Loganville has great pricing and most of their perennials are available in the Fall vs. Spring. It would be a good opportunity to acquire additional plants for our Fall Plant Sale.
- Sign up Genius – 2 days before the Fall plant sale we will need volunteers for pricing and staging of the plants. Cyndi requested Ann to reach out to the Dunwoody Ambassadors for additional volunteer support.

- What is our tent status for the Fall Plant Sale? The tent we have used in the past is warped and not available. We have a brand new 10 x 20 tent in a box in the storage shed. Signage for our plant sale is also in storage in the little barn shed.

Other:

- Cyndi will be out of town September 27 thru October 5. Ann will run the October BOD session in her absence.
- Art will be out of town October 2 – 9
- Tielke will be out of the country Oct 2 – Nov 2nd
- Tielke thanked all the BOD members for their help this year with heartfelt gratitude and appreciation. Without you, the work could not be done. Ann echoed the sentiment that without Tielke, we could not have accomplished what we have done this past year. Tielke wanted the BOD to think about the future and looking down the road at future expenditures for DCGO. There are over 200 holes in the roof of the small greenhouse. Two years ago, the cost to repair or replace the roofing of the greenhouses was \$30,000. That is not an expense that the city will take on. We need to have some savings for unexpected expenses. In addition, we should consider spending money on permanent signs for the butterfly garden, shade garden for plant identification. Permanent garden signs are about \$35 each, but they are permanent. We would not have to replace or redo signage every other year. In the main garden, small plaques could be secured for each of the individual plots and charity beds that could be attached (with two screws) to the right-hand corner of each bed vs the tall metal stakes that we currently use but must replace the numbers every year as the sun bleaches out the numbers or the stakes get bent. Just thoughts to consider for the future.

With no further business, Ann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm est. Motion was seconded by Art and meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Hennessee
Recording Secretary