

MINUTES
November 2, 2021
DUNWOODY COMMUNITY GARDEN BOARD MEETING

MEETING DATE: November 2, 2021

Attendees: Cyndi McGill, Ann Bone, Bill Grossman, Eleanor Geddes, Shelia Wilder, Sandra DuBois, Kame Awokoya, Art Simon, and Ann Wright

Absent: Jeff Leech

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm est by Cyndi McGill.

Minutes from the previous BOD meeting held October 12, 2021, were presented by Ann Wright.

Motion made by Art Simon to accept the Minutes as amended.

Seconded by Eleanor Geddes.

Pantry Bed and Harvest Teams Update- presented by Ann Bone Vice Chair

- Member assistance is required in four of the Charity beds.
- Plants are provided free of charge.
- Discussed possibility to contact wait list individuals to determine their interest on tending a plot until a permanent plot is available.
- Discussed the need to ensure all volunteers feel valued.
- Proposed a thank you gesture to be scheduled the final workday for pantry volunteers with a board member in attendance.
- Eleanor Geddes will organize a small thank you gesture for the Harvest team.
- Ann Bone agreed to act as liaison between the two groups and the board.

Membership Update – presented by Eleanor Geddes

- Thirty individuals on the current wait list.
- Community garden resignations received (plots # 603, 610, 611 and 613)
- Three plots have been offered to new members.

- Memberships received for two new members: Maureen Dias and returning Founding Member Rod Pittman
- Bed # 412 has been made a charity bed due to illness of current member. The bed will revert to the member when their health dictates such.
- Ten plot renewals have been received for the 2022 season

Treasurer's Report – presented by Bill Grossman

- Total funds available: \$7376 as of November 2, 2021.

Greenhouse Update – presented by Art Simon

- Plants have been moved into the greenhouse for the winter.
- Remaining vegetables from the Fall sale will be planted in charity beds.
- Repair to the large greenhouse fan has been scheduled.
- Winter propane has been ordered by the city; projected annual cost \$3000
- Reimbursement policy concerning charity beds raised.
- Clarification- non board members must first receive approval prior to purchasing items and submit receipt for reimbursement. Plants will not be reimbursed due to such being available free through the greenhouse.
- Ann Bone agreed to review procedures with charity bed members.

Main Garden Update- Jeff Leech

- Water to the community garden will be turned off this week.
- Lock purchased by Janet Hanser for the side gate entrance.
- Dunwoody Pine straw Company will remove leaves in beds during the winter resume mowing in the spring.

Social Director – presented by Shelia Wilder and Sandra DuBois

- Water and snacks available for greenhouse volunteers.

Community Outreach and Communication – presented by Kame Awokoya

- Pictures of the Community Garden have been posted on Instagram and Facebook.
- Ann Bone and Kame Awokoya will collaborate on the upcoming Newsletter.
- Members will be encouraged to consider their time commitment and care of plots prior to renewal.

New Business – presented by Cyndi McGill

- Plant Sale net sale \$2395.00
- Spalding Garden Club donated large number of plants to the garden sale.
- Carlos Bustamante donated \$200 form his compost tea and worm casting sales.
- Cyndi McGill to forward and assign updated email addresses to Board members. Agreed all email correspondence will be through use of DCGO.
- Rachael Waldron proposed a March project that would be a combined effort of the DCGO and Spruill Art Center. Ann Bone and Cyndi McGill will meet with Rachael on 11/4 to discuss possibility of decorating the community gardens front arch and adding a new garden sign in the peak.
- 2022 Ford Well Alliance and Seed Money grants discussed and agreed to pursue.
- MLK Day of Service will occur on 1/17/2022. City of Dunwoody inquiring on the need of volunteers for the garden.
- Discussion on establishing list of garden jobs and ages of volunteers required to perform the tasks.
- Discussion included rebuilding raised beds, adding edging to kiwi area and general cleanup of the garden.
- Board instructed to consider individual committee expenditures for the upcoming 2022 Budget. Items to be reviewed at the December meeting. Previous years records can be directed to Teresa Hennessee.
- Member mentors include Cyndi McGill, Ann Bone, Sandra DuBois, Kame Awokoya and Shelia Wilder.
- Mentorship information will be available on the website

With no further business, Shelia Wilder made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm est. Motion was seconded by Eleanor Geddes and meeting was concluded.

The next meeting will be held December 7, 2021, at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Wright