

## DCGO BOARD MEETING

MEETING DATE: July 11, 2023

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM by Cyndi McGill. Sheila Wilder motioned to approve the June minutes as distributed. Richard Osterholtz seconded the motion.

Vice Chair Update – Ann Bone

### Pantry Bed

- Harvest to date 933.4 pounds. Currently have surpassed previous YTD harvest
- Previous three weeks, 100 lb. of zucchini, eggplant, and squash have been harvested from the pantry beds
- Deadline for planting warm season crops is July 20<sup>th</sup>, members will be provided with a list of suitable vegetables
- Mexican bean beetles continue to run rampant in the garden. Neem oil and new containers will be provided for member use in the garden shed

### Newsletter Information

- Reminder to members to lock the garden gate upon exiting
- Discussion on the need to update the current code after reports of nonmembers entering the garden and picking

vegetables from members beds. New code will be 9334, members will be notified of the update

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- Need for 2023-2024 BOD nominations and members to step up and volunteer for leadership positions.

### Membership Update

- Notifications will be sent to the members with neglected and beds containing unpicked vegetables. Members will be encouraged to donate their produce if they are unable to use at this time
- Monetary donation received in memory of Michael Barrett
- Wedding to be held for members Deb and Judith in the shade garden. In lieu of gifts they are requesting attendees consider donating to DCGO

### Treasurer's Report – John Kriek

- Budget/ expenses reviewed, and copies supplied to members
- Cash on hand \$23,000
- Currently \$3000 surplus
- Clover reader-current phone app \$110

### Greenhouse Update – Richard Osterholtz

- Rabbits have discovered the sweet potatoes and caused significant damage. Richard hoping they will recover and make a come back
- Apples are ready and will be harvested in the morning
- Richard is preparing to order seeds and is requesting members to provide their list for pantry beds and fall plant sale

### Main Garden Update – Jeff Leech

- Mission youth group volunteer workday is scheduled for Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. MS & HS students will be paired with MG who will act as project leads for the day
- Groups of 4 volunteers/task
- Garden Projects will include:

Weeding orchard and muscadines, 9 plots need attention including weeding, reset plastic crop rings, crushed stone to be spread in the gravel parking lot, and weed eating the garden perimeter

- Greenhouse projects will include:
- Mulching shade garden path, rebuilding the ADA bed, and washing terra cotta pots
- Sheila will purchase and provide water and refreshments for the volunteers

- Waivers has been provided and are required to be completed prior to workday
- Jeff will obtain estimates on replacing the current irrigation system and report back at the August meeting

### Social Update – Sheila Wilder

- Annual meeting is scheduled for October 15. The meat for the event will be provided and members will be responsible for the potluck dishes

### Community Outreach and Communication – Kame Awokoya

- Kame reported she has received a request from Alexis from Texas requesting information on starting a community garden. Cyndi suggested using Art Simons -Setting Up a Community Garden presentation. Kame will schedule a Zoom call and include Art
- DCGO business cards have been printed

### New Business: Cyndi McGill

- 2023-2034 projects:
  - Discussion on continuous irrigation issues and future improvements. Jeff will look into cost to update, including removing current spigots in the individual beds
  - Discussion on new garden signage

- 2023-2024 Board Slate discussion on need to encourage nominations for the upcoming board. Ann Bone will be stepping down from the Vice chair position
- Discussion on possible presentations
  - Hannah Wilson- Mushrooms
  - Bernadette Tan- Dangers of Gardening

With no further business, Ann Bone made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37. PM. Motion was seconded by Shelia Wilder

Next scheduled BOD meeting August 1, 2023

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Wright  
Recording Secretary