

MINUTES  
DUNWOODY COMMUNITY GARDEN BOARD MEETING

MEETING DATE: June 21, 2022

ATTENDEES: Ann Bone, Eleanor Geddes, Bill Grossman, Cyndi McGill, Richard Osterholtz, Art Simon, Sheila Wilder, and Ann Wright

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

Minutes from the BOD meeting held May 5, 2022, were presented. Corrections were noted. Motion made by Sheila Wilder to accept the minutes as amended. Motion was seconded by Richard Osterholtz and unanimously accepted.

Vice Chair Update- presented by Ann Bone

Pantry Bed and Harvest Team Update.

- Three new pantry beds have been added and planted, #24-herbs, #25-sweet potatoes, and #26 -peppers.
- Harvest team YTD 680 lbs. of food.

Newsletter

- Garden gate located on the parking lot has been found unlocked numerous times. Lock requires combination to unlock but new combination to lock. Instructions will be sent out

informing members to scramble the numbers prior to engaging the padlock.

### Membership Update – presented by Eleanor Geddes

- Current wait list includes 9 individuals with 1 offer out.
- Two members have been added and 2 beds surrendered.
- Audits of the garden beds have been completed. Email and physical notice letters have been sent to noncompliant members.

### Treasurer's Report – Bill Grossman

- Total funds available: \$ 17,427.76 in the bank.
- Teresa Hennessee is currently compiling 18 months of bank statements for audit purposes.

### Greenhouse Update – presented by Art Simon

- Plants have been donated to the Jesup Community Garden.
- Fall vegetable will start beginning of August.
- Currently the greenhouse is staffed with 6-7 regular volunteers.
- Mika Oda has extended for 1 more year volunteering.
- Additional \$1000 in sales post plant sale.
- Discussion on greenhouse garden beds being double decked.

### Main Garden Update

- Water repair has been completed on bed 402.
- Water hose leak is on current list for repair.

### Social Director Update-presented by Sheila Wilder

- Discussion on adding walks in the garden in August to connect with members. Sip and See, and DCGO Coffee Walk were two possible suggestions.

### New Business – presented by Cyndi McGill

- Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2022. Business meeting 4-4:30pm followed by potluck 4-7pm.
- Fall Plant sale scheduled for October 8, 2022, in conjunction with the Garden Talk. Sale will be extended from 10am-4pm.
- Cool season vegetables will be planted for members to purchase.
- City of Dunwoody has received funding from the American Rescue Plan and has asked non-profits to apply for the ARP funding
- Cyndi McGill presented the process for qualification. Motion by Ann Bone and seconded by Bill Grossman to start application process. Motion carried unanimously
- Board agreed on the need to formalize a written agreement with the Lands and Usage.

### Volunteer Engagement

- DCGO currently has 96 members that have agreed to complete 12 hrs. of volunteer hours/ year.
- Discussion on approaches to encourage all members to fulfill their requirement. Possibility of recruiting and organizing core

workers to establish committees: butterfly garden, social, plant sale, harvest team, charity beds, greenhouse. Upon joining the community garden members would be required to join one or more committees.

- Organizational Structure:
  1. Board would identify teams, organize, and publish workdays.
  2. Team Leader- organizes and communicates task required with their teams while making sure work is completed. Lead would be responsible for reporting back to the Board.
- Original and renewal membership agreements would need to be revised to include updated volunteer requirements and a team selection form.
- Members would be required to sign agreements yearly with their renewals.

With no further business, Sheila Wilder made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm. Motion was seconded by Ann Bone and meeting was concluded.

Next board meeting is scheduled for July 19, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Wright  
Recording Secretary

