

DCGO BOARD MEETING

MEETING DATE: May 2, 2023

Attendees: Kame Awokoya, Ann Bone, Eleanor Geddes, John Kriek, 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 April minutes as distributed. Sheila Wilder seconded the motion.

Vice Chair Update – Ann Bone

Pantry Bed

- Harvest to date 289.4 pounds.
- Beds have all been adopted and tended.

Newsletter Information

- Plant sale recap
- Articles on Open House and Wine and Cheese
- Spring into Action article encouraging members to clean up and plant their plots by 5/10/2023.
- Surplus vegetables available for sale at the greenhouse

Membership Update – Eleanor Geddes

- Currently no surrenders or new members
- Seven individuals currently on the waitlist

Treasurer's Report – John Kriek

- Budget/ expenses reviewed, and copies supplied to members.
- Currently \$2000 surplus post plant sale.
- Zelle service used to process a couple dozen sales.
- Requesting each Chairperson submit their projected expenses for the remainder of the year by the next year.
- Credit cards have been approved and will be distributed.
- Certificate of Deposit options discussed.
- Cash on hand \$24,000

Greenhouse Update – Richard Osterholtz

- Complex has been cleaned up from the plant sale
- Concrete slab redo date is scheduled for 5/5/2023.

Main Garden Update – Presented by Cyndi McGill for Jeff Leech

- Jeff will look into purchasing higher quality locks due to the continuing issues with the current one.
- Two bags of Soil3 have been delivered to the garden complex.

Social Update – Sheila Wilder

- Open house was a success, new members participated in planting of the beds.
- Seventy-five dollars was spent on the event.
- New members stepped up and volunteered for the wine and cheese preparation.

Community Outreach and Communication – Kame Awokoya

- Parks and Rec photographer attended the plant sale walking event, engaging, and photographing attendees.
- Delaney Tarr from the Dunwoody Crier will write a feature article about the annual sale.
- Online ads on all other sites will run tomorrow.
- MG Talk updated on sites.

Unfinished Business – Cyndi McGill

- Project Sunflower has been completed. Total of 600 plants grown for eight sites throughout Dunwoody.
- Ladies Dunwoody Woman’s Club expressed appreciation for our contribution to the Dunwoody sunflower project.
- Fine Arts Association would like to place an art exhibit in the barn during the 2024 plant sale. Discussion on the logistics of erecting art displays in the area as well as plant sale volunteers using the space together was considered. Board voted unanimously to not include the art sale due to space limitations.
- Steve Englander’s Celebration of Life was attended by 60 members of his family and friends. Thank you note received from as well as a donation of \$300 to the DCGO.
- Spring plant sale final report, discussion on what worked well:
 - Layout process navigating thru the checkout line.
 - Great plant selection
 - Using the back gate and loaders, tables from the county.
 - Multiples positive comments from visitors on purchases from last year and how well they are doing.
 - Great number of team members participated in the days leading up to and throughout the sale.
 - Total sale for the weekend \$13,901. Presale \$200
 - Soli 3 purchase of Veggie mix cubes \$350.
- Consider changing:
 - iPad needs to be replaced no longer holding a charge,
 - Eleanor, John, and Cyndi will look into Square and Venmo services for the fall sale.
 - Sunday shorten hours to 11AM-3PM
 - Sell water/coffee.
 - Cut off plant donations Thursday prior to the sale.

- Add Soil 3 flower cubes.
- Wine and Cheese ran smoothly and was well staffed with new volunteers.
 - 60-70 members attended.
 - City Council members attended and expressed interested in funding.
 - \$656 spent on event.

With no further business, Ann Bone made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28. PM. Motion was seconded by Eleanor Geddes.

Next scheduled BOD meeting June 6, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Wright
Recording Secretary