

DCOG Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: The Barn

Attendees:

Taylor Levinson, John Krieck, Ann Bone, Jeff Leech, Pam Robinson, Ann Wright, Richard Osterholtz, Kame Awokoya, Cyndi McGill, 2 guests

Call to Order: 6:31 PM by Ann Bone

Chairman's Report

Presenter: Ann B.

Topics: Call to Order, Introduce visitors, Review September Minutes, Proposed BOD slate, By-law Change, Photos for Annual Membership Mtg Presentation

- We have two visitors in attendance: Sarah Phillips (2026 Communications Director) Jacob Hayes (2026 Secretary and Webmaster)
- After review, the following corrections were made to the September Meeting Minutes:
 - The swamp wall (not swap wall) is being worked on.
 - Magnetic screen flaps are being evaluated not yet installed.
 - We need more appetizers and no dessert donations for the potluck.
 - Meetings were approved as corrected by Cyndi, second by Taylor.
- Article #4 Bd of Directors Proposed change - Increase the number Bd of Directors from 9 to 10; this is to allow for the Secretary as a new position.
- Please send any interesting garden related photos you have to Ann to be included in the Annual Membership meeting presentation

Events Report

Presenter: Ann W.

Topics: Annual Membership Meeting, RSVP's, Helpers, Food and beverages, cake, Music?

- 52 People have sent in their RSVP. The RSVP deadline is Sept 10th
- Volunteers to assist with food preparation are confirmed.
- Jeff will bring everything for music (dedicated phone, speakers and music) to the meeting.
- Ann W. has requested to borrow chairs from the city for the event
- Dunwoody Garden Club is sponsoring Doug Tallamy author of "Nature's Best Hope" on October 25th free tickets are available at dunwoodygardenclub.com.

Treasurer's Report

Presenter: John

Topics: Budget Update

- John distributed detailed financial reports with graphs. DCGO remains financially secure. We have \$25,000 in the bank. It is forecasted that we will have that amount at the end of the year. Items needed for the new plantings at the entry to the garden are budgeted.

Membership Report

Presenter: Anna S.

Topic: Membership Update

- We have one new member in bed #414
 - We have 2 surrenders beds, 104, 415
 - 21 people are on the wait list.
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Pantry Bed and Harvest Report

Presenter: Pam

Topics: PB Update

- We are at the end of the summer season, the harvest is not as bountiful but we are still getting eggplant, sweet potatoes, okra, lemongrass, squash, peppers and a variety of herbs. The pantry is thankful for everything we bring.
 - August 6th 43lbs.
 - August 13th 32lbs.
 - August 20th 38.4lbs.
 - August 27th 56lbs.
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Greenhouse Report

Presenter: Richard

Topics: OLA Volunteers, New Germination Racks, Flickering Lights, Cool season germination update.

- Richard and Ann will plant at the greenhouse with the OLA Volunteers (middle school students). on September 17th.
 - The new plant racks were purchased. They are installed and are being planted.
 - Richard is replacing the switches on the flickering lights in the greenhouse.
 - The back walls of both greenhouses have received new screens.
 - Broccoli, cabbage, collards, and bok choy will soon be ready for transplanting. Pam took 20 cabbage seedlings for the pantry beds. They were planted in 3 beds.
 - Note: Pea seeds can be planted now.
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Garden Report

Presenter: Jeff, Taylor

Topic: Entry Garden Install, bed rebuild update.

- Ann and Taylor are working on design for the planting in the Garden entry beds. Sept 27th will be the planting workday. With subsequent plantings on October 4th and 25th.
- Ann will schedule the installation of the boulders with Gabe from the city.

- We are having a problem with Mexican Bean Bettles. Cyndi recommends a full-scale carpet bombing with Neem. Jeff will search for a company that can spray the whole garden. There is also a recommendation to discourage the planting of cucurbits in the garden for two years to get rid of the beetles. Ann will work to develop recommended policies to deter the beetles to put in the newsletter. This discussion is to be continued.
- Jeff rebuilt 9 beds this month. And will rebuild 3 more before the end of the season.
- They Shade Shack is being wonderfully received. Cyndi is working on a concept to get our gardeners to “Duck into the Shade”.
- Garden Maintenance cut off is November 1st.

Communications Report

Presenter: Kame – Sept News articles, Sept Garden of the Month

- Garden of the Month – 406 Mary Navotni
- A reminder for the Annual Meeting and Potluck will be put in the newsletter.
- Reminders for the Master Gardener talks will be put in the newsletter

Misc

- Cyndi would like to set a volunteer day in October to clean out from the last plant sale.
- Credit card Processing-John will transfer to Cyndi.
- We are trying to sell the large evergreens that were donated to the plant sale. Cyndi will put an ad in FaceBook Marketplace.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:40 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Robinson

DCGO Assistant Chair