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DCGO Board meeting minutes, June 6, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM by Cyndi McGill

Present: Cyndi McGill, Ann Bone, John Kriek, Eleanor Geddes, Jeff Leech, Richard Osterholtz, Kame Awokoya, Sheila Wilder.

Cyndi presented the May minutes, which Eleanor moved to be accepted as is. Richard seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairperson - Ann stated that the YTD harvests total 513.4 lbs, compared to 583.9 this time in 2022. Losses from the freezes are being made up with large leek harvest. The next newsletter will contain a "Meet a Garden Member" interview, update on the Sunwoody project, a thank you to Harvest donors and an article about identifying and treating Mexican bean beetles and tomato blight. It was suggested that we also ask if anyone has seen our harvest scale, missing since the plant sale.

Membership - Eleanor reported one resignation (208), several unkempt beds, blighted tomatoes removed from 113 with soil removed and replaced. We now have 7 names on the WaitList. One member (308) has broken her arm and may need some assistance. John Kriek volunteered to help. Eleanor will contact Lyn Coltman (213) to inform her that she has been moved to Affiliate Member status.

Treasurer - John told us that DCGO currently has about \$25K in various accounts and CD's. He provided a breakdown of payment methods from the plant sale. Each BOD member will receive an individual credit card report monthly detailing their expenditures. John reported that banking is now much more complex for non-profits, but we are in good shape.

Greenhouse - Richard stated that the outside beds at the GH have all been planted, although the green beans are not germinating well. Squash should be ready for harvest by next week. Mint and sage have been planted by the propane tank. Cyndi asked everyone to consider what plants we will want for fall gardening and the plant sale.

Garden - Jeff has a volunteer workday set for Thursday, July 20 to utilize volunteers from a visiting church youth mission group. He reported that lumber for rebuilding beds is now drastically cheaper than before - \$45/bed pre-pandemic, \$60/ bed during the pandemic and now \$30/ bed. The red hose has been run over by the mowing crew and the hose "box" on the south side of the garden is falling apart.

Social - Sheila reported that she is taking a well-deserved rest after the Wine and Cheese party!

Outreach - Kame let everyone know that our Instagram presence is much more active and picking up in popularity. Hasan Smith (206) took new drone photos of the garden.

New Business - Cyndi updated everyone:

Sunwoody project - there are a few sunflowers left for planting. Several BOD members reported seeing the sunflower installations around Dunwoody, but not so many of the flags. DCGO delivered almost 600 healthy plants. It was noted that the DWC took all the credit for the project in the recent Crier article.

Steve Englander's sister, Lauren Englander, made a \$1000 donation to DCGO in memory of her brother.

Dunwoody Fine Arts has requested that we advertise a used chipper/shredder to our members on behalf of one of their members. Cyndi referred them to NextDoor, FB, etc.

Cyndi asked for input on potential New Projects and suggested we consider updating or replacing our current irrigation system in the garden. Jeff volunteered to begin investigating ideas such as having one shared pipe with two hose bibs for every two beds. _____ suggested that the leaning elevated beds at the GH be rebuilt. This may be an appropriate project for the visiting youth group.

Cyndi reminded everyone that the '23-'24 BOD slate needs attention as Ann Bone will not be serving as Vice-Chairperson after October. Dave Siegler, currently an Affiliate Member, has expressed interest in joining the BOD. Ann and Cyndi invited him to the July BOD meeting to observe.

April Whitt's name was suggested for a leadership position, possibly coordinating the Pantry Beds. We will also need a new Harvest Team Leader. Eleanor reported that Deb Feltoe is cultivating Faye Roane as a potential HTL.

The next DCGO BOD meeting will be Tuesday, July 11 at the Barn at 6:30 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Bone
Vice-Chairperson