

DCGO BOARD MEETING

MEETING DATE: January 10, 2023

Attendees: Ann Bone, Eleanor Geddes, John Kriek, Jeff Leech, 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 December 6, 2022, minutes with corrections. Richard Osterholtz seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Update – Ann Bone

Pantry Bed

- Harvest team produced a total of 2232.5 lbs. of food 2022

Newsletter

- No current information to report

Membership Update – presented by Eleanor Geddes

- Currently four resignations
 - Kendall Adams #100
 - Tina Turner #206
 - Sharon Mrkonich #301
 - Jenn lawsky #502
- New members
 - Hasan Smith #206

- Chris Nesbit #301
- Brad Bartle #313
- Kate DiStasi #516
- Tiffany Poke will be assigned a plot pending payment
- Open Plots
 - 100
 - 200
 - 502
 - 611
- Nonpayment currently 13 members
- Awaiting checks- four members
- Affiliate members- three members
- Two membership offers pending

Treasurer's Report – presented by John Kriek

John requested board members working with budgets to review previous expenses and be prepared to present changes to the 2023 budget in February.

- 2022 Total revenue-\$25,184
- Expenses-17,616
- Surplus-\$7,569
- Current balance \$18,027
- Lassiter Family donation \$500.00
- Going forward all expenses will be categorized month to month to determine how the board is tracking to budget
- Budget consideration at the February meeting
 - Consider investment options

- Potential projects with consideration of priority level and cost to be determined

Greenhouse Update – presented by Richard Osterholtz

- Substantial plant loss with exterior beds due to weather
- Bok choy, broccoli, and lettuce currently available for pantry beds
- Richard requesting pantry tenders to send their vegetable suggestions
- Ann, Cyndi, and Richard will begin reviewing seed catalogs for the spring sale.
- Sweet potatoes ordered and will ship according to planting zones
- Newly poured areas do not meet specs on drainage or finished surface. Gabe reports greenhouse complex and garden areas will be replaced
- Soil3 delivery scheduled for 1/11/2023. Bags to be delivered to garden and greenhouse complex

Main Garden Update – presented by Jeff Leech

- Currently 20 volunteers are scheduled for MLK Day of Service. Workday will focus on garden general cleanup, moving pavers to front of shed, cleaning plots, and refilling with soil.

Social Update- Sheila Wilder

- Spring Arch is scheduled for March 25, 2023
- Spring open house and social activity suggestions requested

Community Outreach and Communication – presented by Cyndi McGill

- Kami Awokoya will be onsite MLK Day taking pictures
- MG Talk and MLK Day of Service currently advertised on various outlets
- Discussion on purchasing a front-page tease ad from the Dunwoody Crier. All members approved ad to begin the week of sale starting with 4/25/2023 edition
- Kami working on website article-Get to know your members featuring board members

Old Business – presented by Cyndi McGill

- Soil3 has been finalized and ready to be added to the website.
 - DCGO will receive \$15 donation from purchases through our site
 - Members receive \$5 discount
 - Pick up at Soil3 at Super Sod \$20 discount
 - DCGO will deal directly with Helen McGregor

Cyndi attended the Vermack Community Garden walk about and reported Bret Walker agreed with the DCGO proposals. Consultants qualified in designing parks for the disabled will be included.

Possibility of Full or PT staffing onsite

New Business -presented by Cyndi McGill

- Thank you note to be sent to Tielke Baker for the donation of the new refrigerator

- New volunteer renewal requires members to commit to specific areas of interest for their volunteer hours. Currently members have volunteered for the following areas:
 - Greenhouse 35
 - Harvest Team 16
 - Main Garden 33
 - Pantry Beds 16
 - Plant Sale 39
 - DCGO Special Events 24
- Cyndi recommended by the next meeting all group leads organize and set up initial meeting with their new team members
- Discussion on potential 2023 projects:
 - Greenhouse- Richard will investigate cost of replacing picket fence and correcting drainage issues.
 - Cyndi will investigate addition and upgrading signage
 - Ann Wright will investigate cost of shade sails

With no further business, Eleanor Geddes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:14pm. Motion was seconded by Ann Bone and meeting was concluded.

Next scheduled Board meeting **February 7, 2023**

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Wright
Recording Secretary

