

DCOG Meeting Minutes

Date: January 7, 2025

Attendees: Richard Osterholtz, Taylor Levinson, John Krieck, Ann Bone, Anna Schoenbeachler, Kame Awokoya, Jeff Leach, Pam Robinson

Call to Order: 6:30 PM by Ann Bone

Review of

October Minutes

- One correction, Pam was not in attendance at the December meeting. Minutes approved by Cindy, seconded by Richard.

Dunwoody City Council Report

Date: 11/12

- Presenter: Ann B.
- Ann attended the City Council meeting to present DCGO's mission, activities, etc. The presentation was well received.
- All City-supported non-profit organizations have been asked to provide **leadership, governance and financial reports**. John will **forward DCGO's 2023 tax filing document to Ann**. Ann will deliver them to the city.

Pantry Bed and Harvest Updates

- **Presenter:** Pam; the Harvest Team collected 2,432.44 pounds for the year. The harvest was donated to the **Malachi's Storehouse**. This total was reported to the FoodWell Alliance by Dave Siegler

Treasurer's Report

- **Presenter:** John
- Distributed detailed financial reports with graphs. DCGO remains financially secure.
- **Credit Card Updates:**
 - Pam and Taylor received their new cards. Note when using the card, the billing Zip code is 30356.

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- **Membership Report** (Entire report is included, updates are in bold)

- **Presenter:** Anna

- **Updates:**

- Member Renewals: 72

- I sent a warning email to 15 members to renew by 1/19 or their plot will be subject to forfeiture.

- 4 long-term members did not complete the membership agreement but sent a check. Is the prior year agreement sufficient? **Answer:** If a new member has never signed an agreement, we must have one. Existing members do not have to sign because the indemnification does not expire.
- Expecting to receive payment confirmation for 4 members who renewed recently or via check
- Granted 1 member extension on renewal due to financial hardship
- 1 person (not included in 72) skipped the waitlist and completed the membership agreement as a new member. Since there is a chance there may be a plot available to her in the next two weeks, I've held off reaching out to her.
- Open plots: 6
 - 616, 610, 505, 513, 504, 500
 - Existing member/board member Pam is moving from plot 500 to plot 514. Per Pam, Plot 500 gets very little sun. Do we want to continue making this plot available to new members? **Answer** the plot will remain open, we will monitor to determine if the issue is sustained.
- Waitlist: 15
 - Moved 3 to waitlist no response list
 - One new member (included in the 15) completed the membership agreement and paid, and needs to be assigned a plot
 - Should I go ahead and assign a plot, or wait until after MLK day of service so she can be assigned a cleaned out plot?
 - An additional new member completed the membership agreement and paid, but asked to delay being assigned a new plot. I am keeping her on the waitlist.
- Affiliate Renewals: 4 (expected 7 total)
 - Need to send updated instructions for renewing via **P** aypal to those who haven't renewed yet
 - 3 affiliates sent a check without completing online agreement
- Other
 - I've incorporated volunteer selections into the membership list in columns N-S
 - To do: update mailchimp for 2025 renewal
 - **Anna is following up with a member who paid dues but does not want a plot.**

I've uploaded a copy of the current membership list to the DCGO Membership google drive account; attached you'll find a copy. Let me know if you have any questions. **We will no longer publish member names on the website.**

Greenhouse Report

- **Presenter:** Richard
- **Status:** Broccoli & collards in the greenhouse are doing well
- Richard has completed painting the furniture and has requested the assistance of Brandon (Facilities Coordinator for the City of Dunwoody) for repair assistance on other items
- Chairs are done, we are going after an eclectic, gathered aesthetic

Garden Report

- **Presenter:** Jeff
- We received a \$250 Donation from FoodWell Alliance. This was in the name of the volunteer group that cancelled their volunteer event.
- Dunwoody Pine straw will not be increasing their mowing prices for 2025.

Communications Report

- **Presenter:** Kame
 - No report until after the February Bd Meeting
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Events Report

- **Presenter:** Ann W.
 - Everything is set for the Gardening talk on Saturday
 - We have 60 Volunteers for the MLK Day of Service
 - Cyndi and Pam will split the volunteers into two teams for plot clean up
 - Richard will supervise the Cobb structure demo and preserve as many mementos as possible.
 - Jeff is developing list of plots that need to be cleaned
 - Taylor will contact Patti Baker about making a bamboo structure for the entrance to the garden
 - If there are extra volunteers, they can come to the barn and sort books. Non gardening books will be donated to the Dunwoody Library – John will coordinate that effort.
 - Ann will secure H2O/Coffee/ Donuts for the Volunteers on MLK Day of Service.
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2025 Plant Sale

- Presenter: Cyndi
 - We **may** be using QR codes, they will be put on posters around the garden
 - A production plan has been developed for the sale
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Miscellaneous

- Per Cyndi, a shade shack prototype is being constructed, topic is tabled for now.
 - We will change the gate code at the February Bd Meeting
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Meeting Adjourned: 7:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Robinson
DCGO Recording Secretary