

DCOG Meeting Minutes March - Initial

Date: March 4, 2025

Attendees: Taylor Levinson, John Krieck, Ann Bone, Anna Schoenbaechler, Jeff Leach, Pam Robinson, Ann Wright, Cyndi McGill

Call to Order: 6:32 PM by Ann Bone

Chairman's Report

Presenter: Ann- **Topics:** Review January minutes, State Farm volunteer Update, Book sort/donating thanks, Mailchimp security update, Rod Pittman dedication update.

- After corrections were noted, minutes were approved by Cyndi and seconded by Jeff.
 - State Farm update: We never heard back from them
 - Book sorting/donations: Books were sorted, John and Cyndi donated them to the Dunwoody library.
 - Mail Chimp Security Update: There is now a 2-step verification process. The code was turned over to Kame, coordinate with her if you want to use Mail Chimp.
 - Rod Pittman dedication update: Bouchard Family Foundation donated the funds for the new gazebo and will be noted as the donor on a plaque. The gazebo will be dedicated at the wine and cheese event.
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Vice Chair Report

Presenter: Pam- **Topics:** PB update, Do we need more PB farmers? Spring planting plans, Harvest team Update

- PB Update: 10.4 lbs and 24.4 lbs were harvested on Feb 5 and 19th respectively. 19th, we are still harvesting every other week.
 - We do not need additional PB farmers, we have 19 on the waiting list.
 - Pam will reach out to the PB farmers to see what they want to plant.
 - Harvest team Update: 10.4 lbs and 24.4 lbs were harvested on Feb 5 and 19th respectively. 19th, we are still harvesting every other week. Pam purchased 2 salad spinners to facilitate the ridding of water from vegetables after they are cleaned
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Treasurer's Report

Presenter: John- **Topics:** Budget estimates from Plant Sale, Garden events Etc.

- Distributed detailed financial reports with graphs. DCGO remains financially secure.
 - Bank balance: \$27,592 John projects that we will end the year around this amount.
 - The line item of 6,556.00 for the garden includes the design of the garden entrance and the new shade shack
 - John will prepare the 2025 budget with input from Jeff, Ann, and Cindy.
 - We made \$14,700.00 on the plant sale last year.
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Membership Report

Presenter: Anna S. Topics: Membership update

- **Membership status:**
 - 4 new members
 - 4 open plots, 7 waitlisted
 - 1 forfeited but they want back in
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Greenhouse Report

Presenter: Ann for Richard- Topics: Trash Haul workday 3/18 or 3/25. Power wash butane tank?

- Tuesday March 25th we will haul debris at the fence on the street side of the Greenhouse to the side back gate. The city will take it away.
 - Richard will set up for MG class and introduce Art.
 - Jeff will look at cleaning the butane tank as power washing may remove artwork
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Garden Report

Presenter: Taylor- Topic: Entrance to Garden rebuild update

- Snapdragon in the Garden Day is scheduled for Saturday March 22nd 10-12:00
- Taylor is working with Pattie Baker on elements at the entrance such as the teepee
- Surfacedscape has the most competitive prices for purchase of plants and materials
- The garden entrance will be pine strawed until after the Snapdragon Garden event.
- Jeff will coordinate with Gabe and Brandon to pull out unwanted plants with a backhoe at the garden gate, excavate the area and drop new soil w/o April 14th. We will need approx. 400 cu ft of new soil

Presenter: Jeff - Topic: Garden update

- The City will put power in the shade shack when it is completed
- The garden has been weeded
- Pantry bed #14 will be rebuilt
- The city repaired the split rail fence at the side entrance that support the muscadines
- Thanks to Cyndi and Ann for pruning the muscadines

Presenter: Cyndi – Topic New shade shack

- Russ will level off the standing post which will remain part of the new shade shack.
- Jeff will have tri-scapes take the demolished materials away.
- The city will have to approve the new shade shack.
- Cyndi presented elevations of the new shade shack to the board and presented the budget of \$2,500.
- The shade shack will have a splash pad with a rain chain in honor of Mitch.
- There are \$1,800.00 in contributions.
- It was moved by John and 2d by Jeff that DCOG will cover the balance. Approved unanimously

- The shack is scheduled to be constructed the afternoon of March 22nd.
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Communications Report

Presenter: Ann for Kame- Topics: Articles for march newsletter, Garden workday to dispose of junk.

- March Garden of the month – plot # 106 Judith McWhorter
 - Honorable Mention Howard Leggett; this will be featured in the next newsletter.
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Events Report

Presenter: Ann W. Need help to set up for March 8 MG talk

- Per Ann, Richard will help with setting up and will introduce Art.
 - They have all documentation needed for permission from the city for the wine and cheese event.
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2025 Plant Sale Report

Presenter: Cyndi Topics: Plant sale, volunteer update, volunteer signups, Shade Shack update, seed paper bookmark updates

- Sign-up genius has been distributed for volunteers.
 - Kame will handle social media advertisements.
 - Volunteer requests will be in the newsletter
 - Cyndi presented the Seed bookmark. Will order 500 for distribution.
 - Cost will be under \$500 and will not require board approval.
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Miscellaneous

- Ann will reach out to DCOG members to see if anyone is interested in working on our website.
 - Congratulations to Anna S. who just completed her first marathon !!!!!!!
 - Next Meeting- Tuesday April 1, 2025 6:30pm
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Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Robinson

DCGO Recording Secretary