

DCGO BOD meeting, September 6, 2022

Called to order at 6:35. In attendance: Bill Grossman, Richard Osterholtz, Sheila Wilder, Jeff Leech, Ann Bone, Cyndi McGill and Kame Awokoya

The August minutes were reviewed and approved as amended.

Vice-chair - Ann reported that harvested total food donations YTD are 1322 lbs. All pantry beds have been planted and cool-season crops are available from the greenhouse for those beds still producing warm-season crops. Upcoming newsletter articles, to be distributed 9/9, include the Fall Plant Sale, Annual Meeting and BOD nominations. Ann reported that she has had no responses from the Dunwoody Ambassador appeal for volunteers.

Membership - Cyndi reported that Plot 109 has been surrendered. Amy Su (plot 103) has requested plot 109 and will move there. We currently have 8 names on the waitlist, 3 are Dunwoody residents.

Treasurer - Bill reported that DCGO has \$16,196.38 in various accounts. Ann reported that her debit card will expire next month. Bill recommended that we remain with PayPal and Clover services for now. Cyndi mentioned considering changing our PayPal setup to accept credit cards for membership renewal.

Greenhouse - Richard reported that potting of Fall plants, pantry bed plants are ongoing. The pantry beds at the greenhouse have been planted. There are lettuces and spinach in the greenhouse to be harvested.

Garden - Jeff reported that the garden needs compost. Cyndi stated she would order it from Soil 3. Kame is a preferred customer for Soil 3 and will order the compost for DCGO (?).

Social - Sheila has ordered 10 tables and 25 chairs from Parks and Rec for the Annual Meeting. Bill will arrange our liquor permit. Cyndi will coordinate with Brent to access the sound system for music. Jeff will make sure we have a working grill and purchase all meats and cheese. Sheila and Ann W. will purchase all other items. Cyndi has prepared SignUp Genius emails for Plant Sale volunteers and a separate one for RSVPing to the Annual Meeting. Sheila reported that her research on "giveaways" shows that it would be a waste of at least \$500 and suggested that those funds be redirected to future social events in the garden. All agreed.

Community Outreach - Kame reported that all media have been updated regarding the September Master Gardener Talk. She stated that the Dunwoody Crier wants photos. Ann suggested that they be invited to take photos at the Plant Sale and the MG Talk on Saturday, 10/8.

Richard is preparing the schedule and topics for Master Gardener Talks for 2023. Ann will solicit ideas in the upcoming newsletter.

New Business -

Garden locks - Cyndi reported that the constant jamming has become problematic and that she has looked into built-in gate locks. Jeff volunteered to research gate locks which allow combination changes for the 3 front and side gates and whether our gates can be retrofitted for such locks.

ARP funding - no updates from the City. Ann has noticed that the proposed 2023 city budget contains no funds for Parks and Rec capital improvements or buildings.

Membership Agreement - Cyndi reported that Kapp Concepts cannot integrate a fill-outable MA into our website without huge expense. Cyndi will meet with Kapp later this week to get more info.

Plant Sale and Annual Meeting notices and SignUp Genius emails will be sent 9/7. Tielke will not be here to post signage, especially for the Plant Sale; we'll need volunteers for that.

Bylaws revisions - Cyndi presented proposed Bylaw revisions:

Article I - add "Inc." to the organization name.

Article II - 1st paragraph - delete "charity" and replace it with "pantry".

3rd paragraph - add "n annual" and "(either electronically or on paper) and"

5th paragraph - delete "on a first come, first served basis" and replace it with "in a manner agreed upon by the Board (e.g., place of residence, volunteer history)."

Article IV - 7th paragraph - delete "a map and".

11th paragraph - add "debit and/or".

14th paragraph - add "financial".

15th paragraph - delete "in at a general meeting" and replace with "at the fall annual meeting."

16th paragraph - delete "The Nominating Committee made up of the current Boards officers plus other selected members,"

Article V - delete in its entirety.

Article VI - becomes Article V.

Article VII - delete in its entirety.

Article VIII - becomes Article VI.

Article VI (as renumbered) - delete "twice" and replace it with "once".

Article IX - becomes Article VII.

Article X - becomes Article VIII.

Ann made a motion that the BOD accept these revisions, seconded by Richard. All agreed.

2022-2023 BOD slate - Cyndi proposed adding an "ex-officio" BOD position for Art Simon. All agreed that Art's work and knowledge have allowed DCGO to be where it is today. This new position, along with the title "Gardener Emeritus' ", will allow Art to continue with his propagation work for ornamental annuals and perennials at the greenhouse and to attend BOD meetings if he wishes to. Sheila made a motion that the "ex-officio" position be established and that Art be made "Gardener Emeritus". Jeff seconded the motion and all approved the motion. Richard will assume responsibility for greenhouse operations and the management for vegetable and herb crop production.

Cyndi reported that DCGO member John Kriek has expressed interest in joining the BOD as Treasurer. Bill stated that "after a decade" he is ready to turn over those responsibilities. All BOD members thanked Bill for his long-time service.

Cyndi presented a proposed slate of candidates: Chairperson - Cyndi McGill, Interim Vice-chairperson - Ann Bone, Treasurer - John Kriek, Recording Secretary - Ann Wright, Membership - Eleanor Geddes, Garden - Jeff Leech, Greenhouse - Richard Osterholtz, Social - Sheila Wilder and Ann Wright, Community Outreach - Kame Awokoya.

Sheila made a motion that the BOD accept the proposed slate of candidates for the 2022-2023 year. Bill seconded the motion and all approved.

Adjourned at 7:32 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Bone (for Ann Wright)

Next BOD meeting, Tuesday, October 4, 2022