

MINUTES
March 1, 2022
DUNWOODY COMMUNITY GARDEN BOARD MEETING

MEETING DATE: March 1, 2022

ATTENDEES: Ann Bone, Kame Tseja Awokoya, Sandra DuBois, Eleanor Geddes, Bill Grossman, Cyndi McGill, Richard Osterholtz, Art Simon, Sheila Wilder, and Ann Wright

The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm by Cyndi McGill.

Minutes from the last BOD meeting held 2/8/2020 were presented. Corrections were noted. Motion made by Art Simon to accept the Minutes as amended. Motion was seconded by Ann Bone and unanimously accepted.

Vice Chair Update- presented by Ann Bone

Pantry Bed and Harvest Team Update.

- Pantry beds have added two new tenders.
- Currently the beds are between crops.
- Art Simons reported there are plenty of cool season plants available for the beds.
- Harvest team reported 186 pounds has been donated to Malachi's Storehouse YTD.

Newsletter

- Information will be provided on the upcoming Private Facebook Page.
- Thank you to all members who have provided plants for the Spring sale.
- "Please be a good neighbor" message will be included, encouraging plot members to clean up and care for their beds.

Membership Update – presented by Eleanor Geddes

- Current wait list includes 11 individuals.

- We have received 1 resignation (plot # 209). Member has requested to change to affiliate membership status.
- We have three new members assigned to plots # 410, 512 and 514.
- Currently 3 open beds #209, 304 and 516. Bed #304 will need to be rebuilt.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Grossman

- Total funds available: \$8500.00 available in cash.

Greenhouse Update – presented by Art Simon

- Compost has been purchased from Soil3 (\$180.00)
- Two additional bags of Soil3 were provided through the Food Bank Alliance Grant.
- Plants are available for use in the pantry beds.
- Plants are available for sale on Tuesdays starting at 10:30am.
- Peppers and tomatoes have been started.
- Art Simon will work to clean up the areas around the greenhouse and price plants currently staged outside.
- Several picnic tables currently in the greenhouse grounds will be distributed in the perimeter area, one will remain in the garden.
- Bill Grossman will explore possibility of securing a second bench for the garden.

Main Garden Update – Bill Grossman

- Ann Bone reported pantry bed (#17) will need to be rebuilt which will take place in the fall.
- Bill Grossman will assess the condition of the current picnic tables in the garden and schedule repairs as needed.
- Cyndi McGill discussed the plan for the cement blocks no longer in use. There is no current use for such in the area.
Tielke Baker has volunteered to remove the blocks. BOD agreed to move forward with removal.
- Boulders on the back walls of pantry beds #11 & 12 will need to be removed due to fall hazard. Jeff Leech to be notified to remedy the condition of the beds.
- Discussion on the current condition of the donated Mud Bench. Plan is to contact the family responsible for the donation and determine their intentions on repair and maintenance.

Social Director's Recap – presented by Sandra DuBois

- Wine and Cheese currently scheduled for 4/29/2022
- Membership, City VIP, volunteers, and Friends of the Garden will be invited.
- Budget will be determined for the event.
- Bill Grossman will obtain the needed Special Event Certificate from the City of Dunwoody.
- Richard Osterholtz has volunteered to provide the music for the event.

Community Outreach and Communication – presented by Kame Tseja

- Publicity has been sent out for the March Master Gardener session to the usual outlets except Aha.
- Kame will contact Hans Appen from the Dunwoody Crier to publish the Plant Sale Events.

New Business – presented by Cyndi McGill

- Artist Sally Epstein the creator of the Totem pole in the garden has agreed to repair the broken areas. The City of Dunwoody has agreed to cover the cost of repairs.
- Relabeling the plants in the Butterfly Garden and plots is scheduled for March 4, 2022.
- Spring plant sale has been scheduled for 4/29-5/1/2020.
- Workdays will be determined and scheduled early April.
- Further decision on the Facebook private group and Mentor and Mentorships availability.

Other:

- Northside Tree Specialist have agreed to deliver wood chips at no cost to DCGO.
- Look into obtaining mulch from Keep Dekalb Beautiful.

With no further business, Art Simon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm. Motion was seconded by Ann Bone and meeting was concluded.

Next scheduled meeting is set April 4, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Wright
Recording Secretary