

MINUTES  
April 6 2021  
DUNWOODY COMMUNITY GARDEN BOARD MEETING

MEETING DATE: April 6, 2021

ATTENDEES: Teresa Hennessee, Cyndi McGill, Tielke Baker, Jeff Leech, Ann Bone, Bill Grossman, Art Simon, and Shelia Wilder

Thanks to all who came out and helped April 16 to prepare items for the Shed sale. Thanks to Shelia for coordinating and setting up. We had 16 folks who came and volunteered.

The meeting was called to order by Tielke Baker at 6:3 pm est.

Minutes from the last BOD meeting held March 2, 2020 were presented. After presentation to the BOD, a few corrections were made. A motion was made to accept the Minutes as amended. Motion was seconded and it passed unanimously.

Old Business – Vote to move or not to move charity beds from the main garden to the greenhouse complex

- The pros and cons of moving the charity beds were reiterated
- Ann had send out an email to all the charity bed tenders outlining the pros and cons of the proposal and asking for their feedback. Their feedback was presented to the BOD. Only one charity bed tender agreed to continue tending the charity beds if they were moved to the greenhouse complex.
- Discussion was held among the BOD on this proposal with feedback from the charity bed tenders.
- Motion was made by Jeff Leech to keep the charity beds up at the main garden. The vote was 6 to keep the beds at the main garden, 1 vote to move the beds to the greenhouse and one abstention. Motion passed to keep the charity beds at the main garden.

Membership – presented by Cyndi McGill

- Plot 115 – the person who gardens in this bed is not the same entity that pays for the bed. Payment has finally been made. Plot 115 is now in good standing.
- There are 27 individuals on the waiting list. Note: anyone who inquires about a garden plot is added to the FOG list (Friends of the Garden) so they can be kept up to date on happenings in the garden.
- Those on the FOG list are much more likely to open up electronic messaging (mail chimp) from DCGO than from the membership list.
- Old stuff from last month:
  - Priorities for the wait list – do we give Affiliate members priority on the wait list versus the general public?
  - Affiliate membership / membership agreement / our website – all of the above documents were reviewed to see if there is any stipulation.
  - Currently we only have one or two Affiliate Members.
  - From the By-Laws regarding Affiliate membership – The BOD will decide what privileged events are.
  - Two questions:
    1. Do Affiliate members have preferential treatment on the waiting list. They are not promised anything.

2. Do volunteers have preferential treatment on the waiting list.
- Affiliate members do not now, nor have they had exception to the waiting list for plots in the main garden as approved by the BOD.
  - Motion was made by Ann, "The Bod can approve exception for volunteers who are on the waiting list for a main garden plot; they can be prioritized. Motion Seconded by Bill and passed unanimously.

#### Spring Plant Sale Update – Presented by Cyndi McGill

##### Production/Operation:

- Seedling/hardening off of plants going as scheduled, no problem
- Tomatoes – ready to be hardened off (they are out), but not priced

##### Sourcing Member Donation / Contribution

- No outreach other than the newsletter
- Ann, has sent out another email requesting donation/contribution
- Art okay with the way members are dropping off contributions

##### Signage

- Tielke – have all the signs been prepared for the plant sale (80% finished)

##### Other

- We have two tents (one of ours and one borrowed from Bill Grossman (when not in use by the Farmers' market on Saturday
- Ann Tielke and Cyndi to work on the site plan – where to put everything. Need 36" walkway between the tables
- Placement – April 20<sup>th</sup>, have secured the help of Dunwoody Ambassadors. Four persons have already volunteered to help.
- We have eight aprons in stock – We will not be ordering any new ones
- Call for volunteers – Sign up Genius has been sent out to membership. Good response so far
- Master Gardener team came out last week to weed the butterfly garden and mulch the shade garden
- Book Sale – books were all sorted and all priced. We have a couple boxes of magazines and two boxes of miscellaneous pamphlets. If you like this, take for free at the check-out table.
- We have kept a small private library for DCGO, but all other books are up for sale

##### Work Day Update – presented by Shelia Wilder

- Huge amount of items is available for the shed sale
- Jeff and Tielke to verify if the pricing is correct for the power tools available for the sale.

##### Plant Sale

- Set up table with herbs/tomatoes to price up those plants. Will work Thursday (Tielke, Ann, and Cyndi) for pricing for the mini-plant sale to be held in conjunction with Master Gardener session (discussion on herbs) to be held April 10, 2021
- Drainage Issue Greenhouse Complex – from the gravel area to the white picket fence separating the butterfly garden, need to run a French drain parallel to the white picket fence. The water run-off is flooding the butterfly garden. Tielke discussed with Gabe. No resolution to see if the City can assist. Tielke to speak with Parks and Rec Department after the plant sale.
- Flannery may have some corporate volunteers – maybe could make this a work project with volunteers.

#### Treasurer's Report – presented by Bill Grossman

- We have about \$1,300 total in the two accounts right now. No major expenditures have come back (hit our account) for the past couple of months.

- Art has about \$300 to \$400 in expenses
- Tielke is getting competitive bids from Costco for Signage. Hayward Westcott Sign Company is another vendor to consider. Need 2 banners, anticipated cost \$350
- One Banner, "Shed Sale" (one-time deal) – do we need this sign. With limited resources, can we justify the expense
- We are getting post cards from the IRS every year for our 5013 filing. We have completed for 2021.
- We do not have a facilities use agreement with the city.
- Original list from the City has been amended. We can fit within those. As long as we have a good relationship with Brent and Gabe, we are good.
- Bill secured a paper copy of the 2018 bank statements. He handed over to Teresa who will work on completing a year over year history of our income/expenses for comparison purposes for 2018, 2019, and 2020.

#### Greenhouse Update – presented by Art Simon

- Whomever runs Captain Planet wants to buy spring plants from us. Possible \$1,000 plant sale opportunity. Art to coordinate
- All requested plants from Cyndi for the Spring Plant sale have been planted up. Need tags completed and pricing
- There was a nice article in Perimeter North magazine about Art Simon and his work at the greenhouse.

#### Garden Update – presented by Jeff Leech

- There are currently 29 plots with nothing in them
- We are good to turn on the water after the two water spigots are repaired. Art and Tielke will get those spigots fixed Wednesday.
- Meet 3 new members today and 1 yesterday.
- Tielke to put notice on main bulletin board at the garden where people can go to get plants for their garden
- Would like to build nice entrance into main garden (once we have more money in the coffers) in a couple of months
- By June 1<sup>st</sup>, all plots in the main garden should have something in them besides weeds. Mid-may send notice out to plot holders who are not in compliance. We need to be proactive. We need to reclaim plots as needed

#### Social Update – presented by Shelia Wilder

- We have enough red solo cups and coffee cups. Please do not bring or purchase anymore. Please leave a note inside the cabinet of items that are needed and Shelia will acquire
- Jeff to pick up a few cases of water for DCGO.
- Send an email to Shelia of items you need

#### Community Outreach – presented by Ann Bone

- Starting to mention plant sale
- Ann to see if the Crier will do a story about the plant sale
- We don't have a flyer for the Plant Sale. Teresa to forward previous Spring Plant Flyers to Ann. Ann wants to look at creating a new flyer to use for the story with the Crier.

#### Other

- Garden Tenders – they all paid their \$60 membership for their individual plot for 2021. They are allowed to receive \$60 worth of plants from the green house for their individual beds. They can receive any plants from the green house for use in the respective charity bed they tend to.

With no further business, motion made by Art at 7:50 to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Teresa and meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Hennessee  
Recording Secretary