

MINUTES
August 3, 2021
DUNWOODY COMMUNITY GARDEN BOARD MEETING

MEETING DATE: August 3, 2021

ATTENDEES: Tielke Baker, Cyndi McGill, Ann Bone, Art Simon, Jeff Leech, Teresa Hennessee, Bill Grossman, and visitor, Michelle Geddes

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm est by Tielke Baker

Minutes from the last BOD meeting held July 6th were presented. A few corrections were made. Motion made by Art to accept the amended Minutes. Motion was seconded by Cyndi McGill and amended Minutes were unanimously accepted.

Membership Update – presented by Cyndi McGill

- 27 persons are currently on the waiting list; one member on the wait list wants to be an Affiliate Member
- Regarding the newsletter sent to Garden Members and Friends of the Garden (approximately 120 persons) via mail chimp, there are a few members who have been “cleaned” from the listing. Meaning the notice sent to an individual bounced back to mail chimp as undeliverable. Members who have had newsletter notices sent back were Lori Altman, Linda Zilles, Madan Komareddy, and Ron Davis. Cyndi to send a quick note to those “cleaned” members advising them that we will forward the latest newsletter to them with instructions to scroll down to the end of the message and hit “subscribe.” That will get the member added back to the newsletter listing. We cannot add a member back to the main listing once they have unsubscribed.
- Jeff and Cyndi to get together regarding unkempt plots in the main garden. Jeff to submit listing to Cyndi of those unkempt plots so a notice can be sent to the members.

Greenhouse Update – presented by Art Simon

- We are in summer mode, no activity in the greenhouse. Have started some fall plants. Cyndi to give Art a list by next week of plants that we would like for the fall plant sale, also any plants requested by charity bed tenders
- We have had a lot of good volunteers at the greenhouse. Art would like to invite them to the Annual meeting and dinner.

Treasurer’s Report – presented by Bill Grossman

- We have approximately \$7,000 in both savings and checking.
- There are two hose reels in his car for the main garden. Both hoses to go into the orchard area. As the hoses are expensive (approximately \$200 each), need to make sure they are properly winterized.
- Richard Osterholtz submitted a budget from the Master Gardeners for 2021-2022. Bill made a motion to accept the budget as submitted. Ann seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Main Garden Update – presented by Jeff Leech

- Roberto from Dunwoody Pinestraw will be bagging grass clippings in the future
- We need to rebuild 9 plots. This will occur in the Fall.

- Jeff has been doing the weed eating and cutting grass outside of the main garden fence as the Parks and Rec department hasn't been doing that lately.
- Tielke to weed around the Stephen Fry memorial.

Annual Meeting – present by Cyndi McGill

- Scheduled for September 12. At this time will provide an update on the State of the Garden. There are no proposed by-law changes. We will present the 2021-2022 slate of BOD members to be voted on by the membership. List of slate of officers below:
 - Chair – Cyndi McGill
 - Co-Chair (Interim) – Ann Bone
 - Secretary – Ann Wright
 - Treasurer – Bill Grossman
 - Membership – Eleanor Geddes
 - Social Co-Chairs: Shelia Wilder and Sandra DuBois
 - Community Outreach and Communication – Kame Tseja
 - Greenhouse Manager – Art Simon
 - Garden Manager – Jeff Leech
- This is a good opportunity to socialize with other garden members, strengthen ties with Dunwoody VIP's and put community back into community garden.
- Discussion was held regarding potluck dinner, social distancing, contingency plans in case the Delta Variant of Covid ramps up, and what to do if there is another shut down of the park for large groups. Lots of ideas were floated: rent the large pavilion in the park, catered individual servings of food vs. potluck (some people are still nervous of eating family style), having a wine/cheese event vs. potluck. Perhaps do a zoom call for the business portion and have a separate social event in the main garden, September brunch, happy hour with the butterflies.
- Contingency planning, (1) use the pavilion if available; (2) greenhouse complex with tents, have vendor set up and take down tents, \$125/hour for 4 hr. minimum. (unclear where this info came from)
- Bill made a motion to go with the BOD providing the food, light appetizers, nothing hot, no potluck. Purchase the food/beverage 3 days before the event, pending covid circumstances. Jeff seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
- Cyndi made a motion to hold the annual meeting at the barn complex and encourage people to attend. Will adjust as necessary. Seconded by Bill and unanimously approved.

Community Outreach – presented by Ann Bone

- Publicity has been sent out for the next Master Gardening session, seed saving, to be held August 14. The September speaker is no longer available. Mike Fillon has agreed to present the Master Gardener talk for September, subject: "Living happily with fruit trees and bushes"
- We have harvested 50 pounds of apples from the Orchard and approximately 30 pounds of blueberries for Malachi Storehouse. Whoohoo!

With no further business, Art made a motion to adjourn at 7:47. Jeff seconded. Meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Hennessee
Recording Secretary