

MINUTES  
July 6, 2021  
DUNWOODY COMMUNITY GARDEN BOARD MEETING

MEETING DATE: July 6, 2021

ATTENDEES: Tielke Baker, Cyndi McGill, Jeff Leech, Ann Bone, Teresa Hennessee, Shelia Wilder, and Bill Grossman. Ann Wright, prospective BOD member also was in attendance

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm est by Tielke Baker

Minutes from the last BOD meeting held June 1 were presented. A few corrections were made. Motion made by Ann to accept the amended Minutes. Motion was seconded and amended Minutes were unanimously accepted.

Old Business –

- Cyndi made a motion to purchase two new hose reels in the main garden, the same as the recent, new hose reel installed by Tielke. Motion seconded by Shelia and approved by all, except Art. Motion passed.

Membership Update – presented by Cyndi McGill

- 27 persons are currently on the waiting list
- Plot 513 has just been reassigned
- Jeff to forward a list to Cyndi of any unkempt plots so Cyndi can send appropriate notice to the plot holder to verify if everything is okay with the member and to advise that they need to work on their plot.

Greenhouse Update – presented by Art Simon

- Greenhouse is in summer mode, pairing down, no new plantings as it is too hot
- There are two men volunteering, Howard and Dwight. They did a lot of landscaping around the greenhouse complex.
- Art to start planning fall items.
- Upcoming purchases for the greenhouse complex, perhaps a new weed eater. Jeff Leech to bring over a weed eater for Art to use.

Main Garden Report– presented by Jeff Leech

- Jeff is battling back and forth with Gabe from Parks and Rec department at Dunwoody regarding who is going to do the maintenance landscaping inside/outside the fenced in area of the main garden. DCGO is responsible for maintaining the area inside the fenced in area of the garden and orchard. We have a landscaping company that mows the grass regularly. All lawn care outside of the fence, within the park is the responsibility of the city of Dunwoody. They haven't been maintaining the area outside the fence as well. Grass gets quite high.
- There are 4 or 5 plots that members have planted, but nothing has been harvested.
- Looking at purchasing a new picker for the orchard, one that you can reach up to 20 feet in the air to remove fruit vs trying to remove the fruit from standing on a ladder.
- We have already harvested over 20 lbs. of blueberries, plums, and blackberries from the orchard. From the charity beds, we have harvested 28 lbs. of squash, 28 lbs. of cucumbers and 9 lbs. of zuchinni

- Jeff wanted members to close the gate when they enter the garden. Question was raised if a big spring or bungee cord could be added to all gates to close on their own. Ann to send out a notice to the members requesting they be sure to close the gate after entering.
- Kudos to Jeff for installing the pavers at the front entrance gate. It is a big improvement.

#### Social – presented by Shelia Wilder

- Please let Shelia know if you need any items, Sweet & low, coffee, etc.
- Will utilize sign up genius for the annual meeting for members to advise what side dishes they wish to bring.

#### Community Outreach – presented by Ann Bone

- Notices have gone out advising members and friends of the garden for the upcoming Master Gardener Session in July. Adele Mcauley will present. Additional notice has been shared with the AJC, Patch, and Dunwoody Digest. Still fighting with Next Door to get Master Gardener info shared with them. They will not accept our 501C non-profit status. Ann to continue to educate them and get DCGO access.

#### New Business –

- Tielke has conflict with the proposed Annual meeting date. After discussion, it was decided to move the annual meeting to September 12 and to host the fall plant sale in October. Selected dates for Fall plant sale is October 15 and 16. Suggestion was made that if anyone has large fans to bring those to the annual meeting to help the guys flipping the burgers to stay cooler.
- Slate of candidates need to be submitted to the membership by the middle of August for their review prior to the annual meeting.
- Teresa Hennessee advised that she will not be on the BOD next year

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

- Check was received from Captain Planet and has been deposited into our accounts
- We have combined checking and savings of \$8,689.

#### Other

- Tielke advised that a cash register has been purchased for the garden to be used during plant sales.
- Tielke made a brief presentation to the BOD outlining how much money we have and how much expenses we incur regularly. He advised that he had accumulated a total of \$3,700 in un-reimbursed expenses since he joined the BOD October 2018. He chose not to be reimbursed. The dramatic display was to remind the BOD that we need to keep a rainy-day fund available.

#### New Business

- Do we need to increase pollinators around the perimeter of the main garden? Butterflies are late appearing this year. It is not an issue for pollinators in the greenhouse complex as we have a lot of bees
- Regarding the annual meeting. Ann made a motion to accept the date for the new annual meeting as Sunday, September 12. Cyndi seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
- By August 12, notice needs to go out to the membership of the new date and slate of officers
- 8/3 is the next scheduled BOD meeting

With no further business, Art made a motion and seconded by Bill to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm est.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Hennessee  
Recording Secretary