

MINUTES  
March 3, 2020  
DUNWOODY COMMUNITY GARDEN BOARD MEETING

MEETING DATE: March 3, 2020

ATTENDEES: Ann Bone, Stasia Kelly, Mike Hayward, Art Simon, Shelia Wilder, Cindy McGill, Bill Grossman, and Teresa Hennessee

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm est by Ann Bone

Minutes from the last BOD meeting held February 4, 2020, were presented. After review by the BOD, a few corrections were made. Mike made a motion to accept the Minutes as amended. Motion was seconded by Art and unanimously approved.

Membership – presented by Mike Hayward

- In summary
  - 12 members have renewed their plots since the last meeting
  - We currently have 6 open plots
  - There are 2 plots pending --1 via check Ana Maria Velez, plot #304 and another via check John Kriek and Cheryl Jacobs plot #22
  - We currently have 9 plots that are available to new members, and nine persons are on the waiting list. Plots available are: 115, 307, 402, 405, 505, 506, 507, 604, and 613
  - Ann to talk up again at the new Master Gardener session that we have plots available in case anyone is interested

Finance Report – presented by Bill Grossman

- As of today, we have \$5,300 in our checking and savings accounts
- Cost via PayPal is \$1.60 for each \$60.00 renewal

Grant Updates – presented by Ann

- We have submitted 3 grants as follows:
  - We made the first cut with the fairlife people. Ann had an interview with representatives of fairlife at the offices of Alston Byrd. The interview went well. She presented a scaled down version of the PowerPoint presentation we used at our 10<sup>th</sup> year annual meeting.
  - \$2,500 grant from Food Well Alliance (this is Flannery's group). If secured would use 25% for rebuilding the beds and the remainder for ventilation of the greenhouse
  - \$5,000 grant for greenhouse upgrades with an organization Seed Money out of Canada. They requested an operating statement and financial documents but there were technical problems uploading the information to them. The deadline was Saturday. We recreated and submitted on Monday. We were informed that they would overlook the technical glitches and that submission would be accepted even past the Saturday

deadline. Because of the seedlings from our greenhouse, we are able to provide plants to multiple other community gardens

Garden Update – presented by Ann Bone

- A group from Macy's department store (smallish) will volunteer to work in the main garden, subject to weather

Greenhouse Update – presented by Art Simon

- We have a lot of stuff to harvest. We have lots of produce growing for Charity
- We have harvest around 200 lbs. this year. We are starting to turn over the charity beds from cool season to warm season plants.
- Want to remind everyone that cool season plants are available for purchase
- Janice ready to plant collards. Art advised that cool weather vegetables (transplants) are available in the green house for the charity beds.

Events:

Master Garden Session

- Social directors advised that they are all set and ready to go with the upcoming Master Garden session scheduled for this Saturday, March 14, 2020.
- Rain Barrell Workshop – scheduled for Saturday March 28. So far only 5 persons have signed up. We have sent out a lot of community notices in the local newspapers (same as for Master Gardener sessions). Hopefully more will sign up.
- Puppet group is coming to the Storytime event scheduled at the Barn April 18 from 10 to 12 noon est. We will not need to provide refreshments. The puppet people will do that. Stasia to check to see what set-up, if any, we need to prepare for the event.
- April 4 – at the Farmer's Market, Little Diggers for children ages 6 to 10. If we want to do this, we would need to provide all the supplies, sign up; limited attendance. Total number attendees haven't been determined yet. Does the city of Dunwoody already have similar Children's event? The Nature Center has events, always. Ann to meet with Nature Center leadership to verify that we aren't both doing the same event.
- Participate at the Farmer's Market Saturday May 30. Bring over a bunch of left-over plants from the plant sale. Looking at Saturday around Memorial Day weekend, a week either way. We will need to take our tent over to set up for this plant sale. Art suggested that for the plant sale in May at the Farmer's market that we participate from 9 to 12 noon. We have a table set up with plants and also direct people to the greenhouse for a larger selection of plants. Could we set up the night before vs the morning of for the Farmer's Market sale? City does not want DCGO to use their Optech employees for outsourcing. In the past we have used Optec (paid labor) to set up and take down the tent and plants when we have previously participated in the Farmer's market.

Annual Spring Plant Sale and Wine/Cheese event– presented by Ann Bone

- We are in pretty good shape.
- The Wine/Cheese party Friday evening at the start of the Plant Sale. Shelia and Cindy to handle this event.
- Plant sale ends at 5:00 pm on Friday. Private Event (wine/cheese party) to begin at 6:00 pm and conclude around 8:00 pm



passwords were not functioning. We were able to resolve it, but we don't want to be in a position where we lose our domain name, DCGO.org. To that end, Cyndi suggested we revamp our website and make it more user friendly; perhaps move it to a different web hosting site. She suggested making it more template driven, with an easier access to upload PowerPoint presentations from Master Gardener meetings. We need to make it easier to use and to maintain. What do we want our website to do for us, DCGO garden members? Cyndi is reaching out to Sam Alter (software engineer) who is also a garden member for help. Bill Grossman to reach out to contacts and see how much they would charge to develop, implement, and maintain a website for DCGO and present his findings to the BOD. Cyndi asked Bill to provide an introductory email from Bill to his website contacts, Adrian Duncan and Jay Kapp of KappKoncepts to connect with Cyndi so she could outline our goals and vision for this new website. Cindy has a revised site map of our website which she will share with Bill and BOD members (for review and comments). Once comments have been incorporated, Cyndi to share with Adrian Duncan and/or Jay Kapp to get an idea of how big this project will be

- Facebook – Eleanor Geddes is keeping our Facebook page up to date. Angela Minyard and her husband, Caesar had set up the Facebook page for DCGO many years ago. Cyndi to work with Eleanor to make sure content is consistent between our website and Facebook page. We may want to connect to Instagram as it is easy to post items to Instagram. BOD did not feel that we needed a twitter account. Our old twitter account has expired, and we do not plan to renew it.

Ann made a motion and seconded by Bill that we push our next BOD meeting to April 14 from April 7. Motion was unanimously accepted.

At the next meeting, we will discuss the summary of responses to the website design update.

Master Gardener session April 14 – Cyndi to present a session Herbs. Suggested that perhaps we have herbs available for sale on this date as well.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm est

Respectfully submitted

Teresa Hennessee  
Recording Secretary