

The Greenhouse Project Acton Group Meeting Minutes

Thursday October 26, 2023 from 2:30-3:15 PM

Meeting at Green Central; Call in option @ 425-436-6326 access code 299827

1. In Attendance—Karen Abowd, Dom/AmeriCorp, Christin Cohee, Will Pierz, Jon Ruiter, Cheryl Rotter; Call ins—Kayleen Mahlberg, Lauren Gates, Karel Ancona, Jo Kilpatrick, Dan McClure
2. Treasurer Vicki Crabb emailed in her report. She gave account updates and informed all that the glitch in the quick books link had been resolved. It occurred when she had to change bank account passwords which she is prompted to do every 60 days. Consequently this time our Quickbooks link to our bank accounts was lost. After persevering on the phone for several hours with Quickbooks over 2 days it was fixed. Vicki also reported we had received 10 flower basket sponsorships so far totaling \$2775. Karen will reach out to Vicki to advise Lauren when TGP makes annual \$5K lease payment to CCSD so Lauren can plan students budget for competitions and travel.
3. Karen and Jon updated the group on flower baskets campaign for 2023. Karel wrote an article for the newsletter to go out Nov 1. Karen had emailed all last years sponsors on Oct 2 and will do that again first week of Nov to those who have not yet responded and had submitted banner for Carson St application to the city. Notice on the latter would be by end of November. In January social media appeal will ramp up but prior to that for the holidays a push will go out as well.
4. Executive Director Jon Ruiter provided produce numbers attached*. Donations are exceeding expectations and excellent! Jon informed the group that for the expansion site the resubmission of SUP hurdle had been handled. He and Karen had worked with Hope Sullivan in Planning Dept on this issue. Jake O'Farrel now just needs to submit a site plan to building dept as TGP has already had an initial review so hopefully permit will be issued in the coming days. Some confusion on if we had "commenced" on the SUP but once Jon submitted all the proof and pictures the issue was cleared up. Thank you to Jon for all his persistence on this matter!
5. Greenhouse Manager Will Pierz reported that the tractor had been repaired and was back. Heater and ground source heat pump was working and Anderson heating had been out. Will working with Dan on a 2-3 yr plan for replacement parts for the big greenhouse. Dan, Jon and Will to prioritize so as to submit to Jon Steele for budget prep. Jake will be looped in on this conversation and process as well. Will and Christin collaborating on work plans due Nov 1. Juvenile Probation was out on Sunday with 5 youth and did some great work. Will to check on cardboard shredding with Empire.
6. Assistant Greenhouse Manager Christin Cohee said summer crops are done. Big pumpkins and cabbages harvested. Ne plastic got installed on the hoop house 2 weeks ago. Garlic will be next crop planted. Seeds started in hoop house/herbs for Plant Sale. Newsletter to go out next week. Millie's last article is this issue and she thanked Milie for all her dedication to doing this in the past. Christin asked for suggestions for others to teach classes at Foothill. Karen suggested Tom Wion/Capitol trees, Arnold Carbone/garlic, Robb Holley/ Holley family farms, bee folks, CTH/Paula Mayer to which Kayleen commented the cancer dietitian would be a great add.
7. Lauren Gates gave the AG/FFA update. Said it had been a busy 2 weeks. National officer candidates going to Indianapolis. AG in the classroom at Seeleger Elementary a huge success. 18 students participated in Green Hands/Fallon which was an intro leadership conference. Cookie Dough fundraiser in progress now. The AG/FFA would have a float in NV Day Parade. Craft Fair is

their next project.

8. In other issues Cheryl updated the group on health insurance plans. Said cost comparisons were ongoing. Chamber provides a discount through Hometown Health bit if Anthem comes n close then no plan change. Cheryl will work with Jon Ruitter and NV Insurance Agency/Linda Char on this issue. Bottomline is no co-pay increases for Will or Christin.
9. Next meeting Thursday Nov 30, 2023 @ Green Central with call in option.
10. Meeting adjourned at 3:15PM.