

The Greenhouse Project Action Group Meeting Minutes

Thursday March 31,2022

2:30 – 4:00 PM @ Green Central; Conference Call option 425-436-6326 Access Code 299827

1. In Attendance- Karen Abowd, Will Pierz, Arnold Carbone, Amy Riddle, Cory King, Jon Ruitter, Ellie/AmeriCorps; via phone Millie Karol, Cheryl Rotter, JoAnne Skelly, Karel Ancona, Jo Kilpatrick
2. Treasurer's report submitted by Vicki crabb per email
3. Karen provided the Sustainability Endowment update. She stated that Jon Steele had connected TGP with a match donor whom she would meet with. Also, that She and Jon Ruitter had interviewed with the Emerson Collective/Laurene Jobs Foundation and would hear back sometime in April. Karel Ancona had found contact info for Mackenzie Scott, Jeff Bezos and the Bezos Family Foundation all of whom were contacted via mail or email. To date \$49,907 raised.
4. Jon Ruitter led the reporting on the site expansion progress with Cory and Will adding to that. They along with Mark Korinek were working forward on logistics and timing for grading, TGP water on site as CCSD water to site already there, and two ag hydrants. Jake O'Farrell will build the 2 hoop houses. Fill would be delivered. Jake to do that grading. Mark Korinek currently away but Jon will get with him on concrete company that school district uses and get a bid on small and larger slab for vermicomposter as larger provides more usable working space for end product management. Will is working on a workflow plan for Cory and Patrick/AmeriCorps to look at. Will stated that TGP would be selling worms as well. Will researching build material resources. A site waterline bid to include 2 frost free hydrants from EPS. Karen mentioned that she was working with Tom Duncan/Duncan Golf Mgmt. on a golf cart donation with dump feature to be used on the site that is electric.
5. Mother's Day Plant Sale was discussed. John Procaccini would work with Cory on logistics and traffic flow. Karen asked Cory to think about best time to meet with food truck vendors once logistics fine-tuned. Cheryl had submitted suggestions for basket pricings for "Build a Basket for Mom." Option A Pre-price and prepackage was the selected option. Pricing based on size and customer selects their card, gloves and bow plus the price for the plant selected. Cheryl organized a and April 6 3 pm committee meeting @ Green Central to work out details on final product. Karen asked about AG/FFA student participation and was informed only 2 students participating. Karen would reach out to Candi Ruf and Charlie Mann on this issue as TGP supports FFA and reciprocation at this event is important. Cory said they would ask the volunteers about participating. Art class not doing face painting so Karel Ancona and son Marshall would take that on. Karel would also handle marketing on Carson Now and get on marketing calendars. Amy would get Plant Sale flier to Karel. Shopify live now for early plant sales and was launched March 22. No squash, cukes or melons for sale as problematic in the past with mildew.
6. Volunteer Campaign update given by Amy Riddle. Volunteers showing up for training and another training scheduled for April. 10 in training now. Once a week getting requests to volunteer so are added to a list. 2 Wednesdays and 2 Saturdays/month scheduled for volunteer days which is flexible.
7. Executive Director Jon Ruitter submitted the NV Energy 1 yr. follow up report. 72 paid baskets thus far plus 2 more promised. 10 business baskets. Jon will locate based on bracket relocations on Curry St. Tara Burke did graphics for new signs and Jon sending that to Vital Signs to get

made. Jon had submitted produce donations attached* and said numbers indicate a good start. He reminded all to submit volunteer hours.

8. Greenhouse manager report given by Cory. Shade cloth had been installed on all 3 hoop houses. Big shade cloth torn so he is checking into repair options. Water shut off at site for a couple of days due to a water upgrade at ball field. Discussion on treating our water to control PH. His tomato experiment has produced better yield. AmeriCorps Ellie and Kristen got lots of greens in the ground. Have been removing perennials for propagating and selling. Fruit trees flowering and plum trees for first time. Pat working on composting and propagating worms. 3 AmeriCorps hired thus far and job fair coming up. Amy will be there. Ellie is 40hr AmeriCorps and Kristen 30 hr. AmeriCorps.
9. Will Pierz gave the assistant greenhouse Manager update. He emphasized that a name needed to be given to the expanded teaching Farm. Will would send out a thread with suggestions for folks to weigh in on. Board would decide at board meeting on Monday. He thanked Ellie and Kristen for the Foothill site refresh. Fruit trees and stressed trees looking good. Mushroom class tomorrow and he expects good attendance. Second tier volunteer training coming up. April 21 a special Desert Gardeners class on seedlings. He is coordinating another church group for a volunteer project. Foothill is supplying strawberries for Shopify site. Jake O'Farrell will look at donated skylight panels to build the propagation nursery. Currently transplanting to outside beds. Getting deer protection in place. Planted hoop house out again. He will follow up with CTH on water rights and creek diversion for watering.
10. Education coordinator Amy Riddle reported that interp signs done and awaiting a name for site. CHS students doing an article for website. Website launched after plant sale as it will be done by end of April. Karel Ancona a huge help on this. Consistent messaging emphasized for name selection.
11. Newsletter deadline April 17 and a "stay tuned new website launch" message will be included. Board member June James to do article.
12. No other issues discussed.
13. Next meeting April 28, 2022 @ 2:30 pm @GC with call in option.
14. Meeting adjourned at 4 PM.

The Greenhouse Project

2022 Produce Donations

Total Pounds Donated by Location / Source

Year / Location		Green Central		Foothill Garden		Donated/ Gleaned		Total
2022	Weight / %	254.31	96.7%	8.60	3.3%	0.00	0.0%	262.91
	Value	\$979.01		\$20.07		\$0.00		\$999.08

Donations by Agency

Agency	Donations by Weight (lbs)	Percent	Value
Ron Wood Family Resource Center	135.80	51.7%	\$528.46
Friends in Service Helping (FISH)	63.21	24.0%	\$222.97
Meals on Wheels / CC Senior Center	35.10	13.4%	\$115.65
Capital City CIRCLES	28.80	11.0%	\$132.00
Northern Nevada Dream Center		0.0%	\$0.00
CHS Culinary		0.0%	\$0.00
Total (through Mar. 30, 2022)	262.91	100.0%	\$999.08

