

## The Greenhouse Project Action Group Meeting Minutes

Thursday August 31, 2023; 2:30- 4:00 PM

Meeting at Green Central; Call in option 425-436-6326 Access Code 299827

1. In Attendance—Karen Abowd, Vicki Crabb, Emma Carpenter, Will Pierz, Christin Cohee, Jon Ruiter, Cheryl Rotter, Dan McClure, June James. Call ins- Kayleen Mahlberg, Lauren Gates, JoAnne Skelly, Karel Ancona, Jo Kilpatrick.

2. Treasurer Vicki Crabb provided the accounts update plus Farmers market proceeds to date at \$2,506. Harvest Dinner proceeds from sponsorships/ticket sales prior to the event \$145,352.50.

3. Grateful Harvest Dinner update began with Karen Abowd reporting that tickets were sold out at 100 guests! Cheryl Rotter reported on the status of the programs, had received students thank you letters, gratitude ads paid for program costs and that she had listed the board members as discussed in this years program. QR code also in program and she would post those also throughout the venue as last year which worked very well. Jon Ruiter discussed that auction would go live Sept 4 at noon and he could add John Procaccini's item at any time. He also explained the popcorn bidding new this year allowing three minutes after last bid before bidding closes so someone cannot out bid in the last 30 seconds. If John Procaccini's Peter Frampton memorabilia happens this year we will have 21 items for auction plus 4 raffle items. Karel Ancona and Christin Cohee discussed marketing strategy. Karel would do an article outlining all the auction items and Christin would include that in the newsletter plus do Facebook posts. Will Pierz had gotten the Nashville Social gift card for Kippy and Jeremy doing photos at event and would also get a Cucina Lupo gift card for them. Karen asked that volunteers for set up show up between 10:30 and 11am day of the event to set up. She and Jon Ruiter would pick up 10 easels the Friday before the event at 1 PM from Artsy Fartsy and deliver to Nashville. Karen would get balloons and bring for tables set up. Set up volunteers—Vicki, Karel, Cheryl, Jo, Karen, Jon Ruiter, John Procaccini. Event volunteers to arrive by 4 pm and would be fed at 4:15 PM. Volunteer assignments: Wine service @ Gratitude/Busy Bee sponsor tables—Steve Sanchez plus Christin and Will to help Steve with champagne service at the door. Clean up—Karel, Vicki, Candi, Karen, Jo. Angel Donor Match—Karen and Vicki. Assist Jon beginning to end of auction including helping folks to their car with items PLUS be table ambassadors and show them how to bid—Vicki(as possible), Dan, Karel, Lisa, Jo, Kayleen. Raffle Ticket Sales--\*noted that if folks want to charge raffle tickets they come to Jon or Karen who will have clover machines and Vicki to provide a cash bank; all to take turns pairing up selling raffle tickets-Vicki, Lisa, Karel, Candi, Kayleen , Dan, Will, Christin in that order. Check in Greeters/ Seaters -Karen, Candi, Jo, Dan, Kayleen. Karen to bring aprons for those who do not have them and wear name tags. Karel to assist Charlie with book signing on stage from 5-6PM to end promptly. Sept 8 Karen to get all seating assignments/ menu and bev preferences to Chef Tony. Lauren said she or Charlie would introduce the leadership Students prior to them speaking at event. Karen confirmed with Charlie that students must arrive by 4:45 to greet guests at door and they could leave event between 6:15-6:30 PM.

4. Executive Director Jon Ruiter updated the group. He completed the Green Business Certification for TGP. That logo will now appear on our website. This is a Tier 1 certification good for 4 yrs. Thank you Jon for all the work that went into this! Expansion site delay due to the fact that now codes require a building permit for any structure over a certain size in place for over 180 days. Turnaround lane is in and posts are in. Will take a week to 10 days to complete once we have the permit. Attached are the

produce donation numbers up from last year. Jon spoke about 2 potential Oct events for TGP. Friends of the NV Harvest Train and Carson City Sustainability Day/mark Korinek and both are same weekend Oct 14-15. Discussion on perhaps doing Sustainability Day/EVMS from 10-2 on Saturday and train event on Sunday from 10-4. Some thought given to guessing game of how many worms in a jar. Jon also mentioned that TGP is nominated for an ARP Grant. Will hear more about this in future.

5. Greenhouse Manager Will Pierz said that beginning next week this seasons AmeriCorp will be on board—WNC student Kiana on Sept 7 as  $\frac{3}{4}$  term; Dom as  $\frac{1}{4}$  term; Eddie deciding on his term; seasonal part time Meghan Huntley; horticulture part time Emma carpenter. All except for Meghan are students. 8 returnees to greenhouse management and 4 plant science students. Will says compost production is slow and steady. He has buckets ready for the restaurants and next working on curing and packaging. Crop update—carrots, radishes, turnips, beets germinating; getting caught up on tomato trellising and fertilizing machine thanks to dan's guidance working well. Pest issues good. Weed pressure strategy to be discussed with dan. Lots of fruit at GC to harvest.

6. Christin Cohee gave the Assistant Greenhouse Manager report. Newsletter to go out Friday and exceptional job done by all who contributed! Nov/Dec newsletter to include petunia basket sponsorship for 2024 and form will be updated, thank from Jon Ruiter for all Harvest Dinner supporters. A deer broke through deer fencing at Foothill garden. Dan will advise on a better strategy. Plastic for hoop house ordered but Dan said in future it can be ordered through him at cost as he is a distributor and can help with weed barrier as well. Christin said no word on CLS students yet but Lauren Gates will check into this. Christin harvested potatoes las week and donated 150#s so far; great corn harvest. NV State Museum is doing a native plant garden and wants TGP to grow the plants for them. Boys and Girls Club high school students out every Thursday after school for 1 hr.

7. Lauren Gates gave the AG/FFA update. She reported similar class numbers to last year but lots of vet science students. New standards for AG mechanics and Vet Science and animal science now count for credits. Hydroponics has started and there is a desire to do floral shop this year. Soils state competition end of Sept. Ag in the classroom with Farm Bureau and Dept of AG at Seeliger Elementary for a whole day event in October. At the national level CHS has very first Capital American FFA Degree recipient, Lander Smith who is also running for national FFA office. This is a very big deal and out of thousands of FFA only 2% achieve this honor.

8. Cheryl Rotter updated the group on insurance billing change for disability and dismemberment insurance as it is being billed separately. She said TGP now qualifies for a chamber discount for health insurance and she will be following up with NV Insurance Agency on that and keep Will and Christin informed.

9. Next meeting Thursday September 28 @ 2:30 PM @ Green Central with Call in option.

10. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.