

The Greenhouse Project Action Group Meeting Minutes

Thursday December 28, 2023

2:30-3:15 PM

Meeting @ Green Central; Call n Option @425-436-6326 Access Code 299827

1. In Attendance—Karen Abowd, Jon Ruiter, Christin Cohee, Vicki Crabb; Call in –Cheryl Rotter, JoAnne Skelly, Will Pierz
2. Treasurer Vicki Crabb updated the group on bank balances. She informed that she had sent HMAF our match for 2024 for their donor match. No response yet but would re-contact and include Chris MacKenzie as he is our local HMAF board member.
3. Vicki had sent an updated spread sheet on flower basket sponsors to date totaling \$9,320. 43 are sponsored so far leaving 37 to go although Jon Ruiter pointed out that 28 of the 38 downtown pole sponsors have inked in. There is room for more if we buy more brackets. Business baskets are grandfathered in but no new ones accepted. Karen will re-contact those not yet heard from by first week of January 2024 and she informed all that the banner goes over Carson St next week. Karel will have an article for newsletter also. Feb 1 email to go out on mail chimp.
4. Many options discussed for expansion site name...Regenerative Ag Site, Agro-Ecology, Biodiversity site, Rewilding Central, Compos and Native Central, Green Central Regenerative Ag Hub, Growing NV. Karen would email action group members interested and board. JoAnne pointed out that we need to market to our donors with this name and Karen pointed out that a catchy acronym was important as well. Many of these are too long and cumbersome. Need to think about product line as well with the name attached.
5. Subscription for TEND/tracking app is paid for. Will allow inventory tracking, employee tasks tracking, data collection, day to day activities tracked, barcode system helps with pricing. Next Jon, Christin and Will to work with Vicki to see if it can talk to quick books. Alo will see if Clover or square best interface with TEND.
6. Exec Dir Jon Ruiter recapped that Fire Marshal has agreed with past determination that hoop house is a structure and NOT a building so hydrant etc not required. Still waiting for build dept to let us know if manufacturers install specs are sufficient and no engineered plans needed as this is a kit!!! Karen asked if Jake Ofarrell's scheduled to do main greenhouse evap cooler repairs after Plant Sale and if parts need be ordered sooner than later due to lead times. The team (Will, Christin and Jon) will coordinate with Dan McClure on what we can get from him at a discount and what needs to be ordered. Status-- Awaiting Jake's list of materials needed.
7. Greenhouse Managers Christin Cohee and Will Pierz updated the group. They will be assessing the sheds when Christin returns and schedule a clean up date for volunteers end of Jan or Feb for clean up. Currently both are modifying plans for crops and orders are in. Great meeting with CCSO Sustainability Team and teacher volunteers to deliver green waste from schools.. Cara Taratto will be the contact and Jan 8 school resumes. Christin transitioning old tomato plants and AmeriCorp planting new. Lots of winter veggies growing in main greenhouse and ground source heat pump alone is keeping space temperature comfortable. Voles still a nuisance at Foothill garden but chewing gum solution working. Newsletter out next week.
8. No AG/FFA update since school closed for Xmas vacation.

9. Vendors suggested for Mother's Day Plant Sale---Root and Wings, A birdhouse/butterfly house vendor, Metal yard art perhaps Custom Metalcraft/Robert St Clair. 8 vendors total as it drives foot traffic!
10. No other issues.
11. 11. Next meeting Thursday January 25, 2024 2 Green Central with call n option.
12. Meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM.