

The Greenhouse Project Action Group Meeting Minutes

Thursday August 25, 2022

2:30-3:30 PM @ Green Central; call In option 425-436-6326

1. In attendance—Karen Abowd, Cory King, Jon Ruiter, Christin Cohee, Millie Karol. Joshua ray/America First Credit Union volunteer, Lydia Pearson, Cheryl Rotter, Amy Riddle, Will Pierz, Candi Ruf; Call in—Karel Ancona, Kayleen Mahlberg
2. Treasurer Vicki Crabb submitted the treasurers update.
3. Grateful Harvest update presented by Karen Abowd. To date 96 tickets sold and sales end Sept 12. Lydia handling sales while Karen is away. Millie stated that farmers Ins did not want a music banner for sponsorship. Karen stated who volunteered for what and will remind before Monday Sept 19. She and Jon Ruiter will take delivery of easels from Jeffrey at Artsy Fartsy at 9:30 and then volunteer crew gathers at noon to set up. All working dinner must be back by 4 PM to get dinner and doors open at 5 pm. Clean up volunteers stay after event to secure auction items and clean up. *All greenhouse volunteers to wear greenhouse aprons. Cheryl described the layout for the programs. Karen said all in-kind sponsors and sponsors be recognized plus thank you letters from students., menu and auction items with QR code and raffle items. Promo going forward karel will do a story on the menu, Christin promote in newsletter to go out next week, facebook posts with auction update and online auction pushed.
4. Jon Ruiter gave the Executive Director update. Online auction set up and he will work on beefing up descriptions. Ultimately old platform used to prevent obstacles the night of the dinner. Dept of AG grant for gleaning requires audited financials and the amount of the grant not worth the expense. Have received the Truckee meadows AmeriCorps grant for this year. Jon submitted produce report attached and numbers well above previous years.
5. Greenhouse Manager Cory King said plant sales and farmers market sales exceeded goals. He has a steady harvest. Hoping for plant sales in the next few weeks now set up on Shopify. Christin begins as Education Coordinator. Madison will do an AmeriCorp term and Sienna finishing up. Pat will keep in touch on worm operation. Cory is hoping for a full time applicant. Lauren Gates classes were out at GC for a tour. Cory and Candi will converse on CLS. Working on getting Garden Club going this year. Candi Ruf said so far 1 CLS teacher for 26 students so they are in reorganization stage. Cory working on details with school on gathering and delivering food waste.
6. Will gave the Assistant Manager update. Said food waste pickup has been perfect. S far collections from So Juicy, Nashville Social, Carson Coffee, Cucina Lupo, Fox Brew Pub and in future Great Basin. Will working with Tom Wion for wood chip delivery. Harvesting lots of potatoes. Worms are loving their feed. Pat did a deposit of breeding stock. Has decent tomato harvest. Looking forward to winter squash, musk melon and watermelon. Is direct seeding for Fall. Lake Point Church volunteers were out for weeding at Foothill.
7. Christin Cohee gave Education Coordinator update. Newsletter to go out Tues/Wed. Amy and Christin getting hiring page on website for AmeriCorps. Will is going to Truckee meadows Parks hiring event for AmeriCorps. Coordinating with Stewart Indian School on a Healing Garden. Kayleen will do board bio for newsletter and a thank from Exec Director on dinner supporters plus flower baskets will need to be included to ramp up 2023 sponsorships.

8. Candi gave the AG update. 1 class at EVMS on AG/FFA Affiliate taught by Lauren Senino and at CMS Jessica Schutd teaching same. AG ventures instructors have 2 classes each semester. Greenhouse construction begun at EVMS. Mark Korinek looking at greenhouse at CMS as they have the materials. FFA officer team hosting ice cream social. NV Fallon conference has students signed up. 3 teams for Sept 27 soils competition in Yerrington. Officers looking forward to speaking at dinner and Karen will remind Charlie Mann. FFA Nationals third week in October.
9. Other issues Karen spoke of meeting with HMAF regarding ongoing financial support because of shared mission. Await their board approval in coming weeks.
10. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.