

The Greenhouse Project Action Group Meeting Minutes

Thursday March 30, 2023

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

2:30-4:00 PM

1. In Attendance—Karen Abowd, Lydia Pearson, Jo Kilpatrick and Grandson Evan, Will Pierz, Jon Ruitter, Christin Cohee, AmeriCorp/Anika; Call in-Dan McClure, JoAnne Skelly, Karel Ancona, Lauren Gates
2. Treasurer Vicki Crabb emailed in an accounts update. She also verified that Nugget and Tahoe Fence flower basket sponsor payments received along with Steele and Assoc. NV Insurance Agency still not received. Karen stated Kyle Schellin had called her and said he was reissuing a check and confirmed TGP mailing address. Karen also informed the group that Don and Sherry Kuhl were a \$10K donor/Gratitude sponsor for the Harvest Dinner and Karen would get the check to Vicki.
3. Plant Sale updates were given. Will and Christin discussed the timing for Shopify availability of plants based on weather and best timing for health of plants. Will has some plants ready and will post on Shopify site April 1. More to come in the weeks approaching the Plant sale. Karen and Vicki would fill orders on Thursday for Friday pick up. Christin would post on Facebook pick up days plus deadline to pick up before the sale and when pickups resume after the sale. Christin said 3 volunteers had signed up plus Lauren was checking with her students as to who was volunteering. Compost from Full Circle would be placed next to checkout table so Karen and Vicki would handle those sales. John Procaccini would make sure we have music. Marketing fliers Christin formatted from last year and would distribute to The Fox, Piazza, Cracker Box, Artsy Fartsy, Cucina Lupo, Great Basin, Shoetree, and Nashville Social. The latter may require a pdf formatted to their reader board which Christin would handle. Jo and Lydia have an extra tent which suffices with TGP tent. Will is checking on TGP tent for any issues. 8 vendor applications were received and all present and calling in agreed on 6 of those 8 vendors—Impressed Flower, LaNova Beauty Salon, Caraway Chacaturie and Creations, NV Monarch Society, Root and Wing Studio, Sarah Nicole. Christin will email the vendor liability form to them and since they pay a booth fee we will just ask that they donate something for a basket raffle at the event. This was Karels suggestion when JoAnne inquired if vendors were donating a portion of their proceeds to TGP. Jon has ordered 24 more hats to be in next week from renoembroiderycompany.com.
4. Executive Director Jon Ruitter gave an update. He will order 9 new signs for the flower baskets. He asked about payment to Casinelli for watering and Karen said the NID was deciding to put contract out to bid so we should know whom to pay end of April. Jon contacted Michelle Joy, CEO of CTH about meeting regarding our contract renewal but has not heard back yet from her. Jon did get a quote from Quality Control Systems for power not trenching of \$9,686 for expansion site. He will get a quote from Jake on trenching. Once he has both quotes he will provide to Karen to apply to NV Energy Foundation for funding. Discussion ensued about solar/battery power and Karen will check if NV Energy has someone to educate TGP on what that would look like.
5. Greenhouse Manager Will Pierz updated the group. Still waiting for our Producers Certificate. He did get bus lot use approval for the Plant sale. Working through the farmers market application

and will check on approval for compost sales and book signing and sales. Will contacted David Ruf about the contract grow of potentilla and will deliver to him next week or the week after. Will is meeting David at Greenhouse garden Center on Tuesday. David did not have specs on the hoop house he is donating so Will is going to measure it when he is there. Plant Science student Dominic followed through and is going to commit to a full time AmeriCorp position in the summer starting mid-May. Crops are in good shape both tomatoes and petunias Minor adjustments to pepper seedlings. Prepared to have eggplant, perennials, thyme, marjoram, oregano, brassicas, 1 gal dill, nasturtium, calendula, cilantro for the sale and available on Shopify. Pest management is good. Will be adding more tables and moving plants around soon to create more space. Will met with Pat Fox of Creative Plant Farm in Washoe Valley to concur on soil mix and spoke with Cory King as well. Dan and JoAnne weighed in on this discussion saying they do not agree with taking soil from one region and using it in another region. Both agreed caution need be exercised in this for native plant growing. Since Dan has years of experience with native plants he and will are going to communicate further on the issue and Dan said working with Full Circle as a local resource is definitely part of the discussion. Dan will donate Ryans mix that he has samples of and used successfully to create a comparison. Always best to not have to truck mix over the hill and if same composition can be made here it solves an availability problem.

6. Assistant Greenhouse Manager Christin Cohee updated the group on the Foothill Garden,. She is very happy with the production in the hoop house. Harvested this week were cilantro, arugula, chives, and mustard greens. Will and Victor helped with repairs at the site getting ready for outdoor planting. Northern NV Technology Festival has yet to reach out but Christin will update the group on times and days of events once she hears from them. Tours are still scheduled of Green central on the Saturday of the event.
7. Lauren gave the AG/FFA update. The group placed in the top half at State. Plant Science student entered the Nursery Landscape competition and took first in state. In 2 weeks the last FFA trip for the school year for livestock evaluations. And the AG/FFA will be holding their banquet in May.
8. Grateful Harvest Dinner 'Save the Date' is posted on the website. The group agreed Karen should start in April reaching out for sponsors. Christin will post the sponsorship levels flier and the Save the Date flier on the event page on Facebook and Jon suggested that we do not push for sponsors on Facebook other than event page til after the Plant Sale. Okay to promote the Save the Date on Facebook. Karel will have articles in future going out on this and the Plant Sale.
9. Next meeting is Thursday April 27, 2023 @ 2:30 PM @ GC with call in option.
10. Meeting adjourned at 4 PM.