

## The Greenhouse Project Action Group Meeting Minutes

Thursday October 27, 2022

2:30-3:30 Pm @ Green Central; Call in option 425-436-6326 Access Code 299827

1. In Attendance: Karen Abowd, Will Pierz, Jon Ruitter, Christin Cohee, Cheryl Rotter, Mark Korinek., Vicki Crabb. Call ins: Jo Kilpatrick, Karel Ancona, Dan McClure
2. Treasurer Vicki crabb provided the account updates.
3. Flower basket updates by Vicki that she had received payment from 8 sponsors for a total of 15 baskets so far. Karen said she had received correspondence from more sponsors to come. John Casinelli had been contacted and said that watering due to cost increases would be \$12,000 for 2023. Karen said because of an earlier sponsor and the Bloom & Grow sponsorship at the Grateful Harvest Dinner the \$600 increase should not be an issue. Karen reported the banner would go over Carson St the first week of January 2023. All sponsor requests were emailed out Oct 12,2022. Karel Ancona said that she would publish promo articles mid-November, mid-December and early January and Christin Cohee would do the same on Facebook.
4. Executive Director Jon Ruitter gave his update. Employee handbook should be finished soon and is up to 19 pages thus far. Jon wants it comprehensive for now and future. He will distribute Will and Christin's workplans to the board with a Nov 4 10AM deadline for comment. He and Karen will meet that day and fine tune any amendments and get workplans to Jon Steele so he can do the 2023 budget for TGP. Jon reported that pick up of green waste would start Nov 1 from 4 schools, CHS, EVMS, Fremont and Empire. Thomas who does lunch deliveries will do the pick up. Mark Korinek and Will Pierz discussed drop off location and Mark also commented on the east fence replacement and slat install at CCSD expense. Jon spoke of the need for 2 more hoop houses and the meeting at Beth McClearys for her unit. Jon is getting a cost from Jake O'Farrell on the worth of Beth's unit plus take down and set up cost. He said potentially there is a 100' x30' greenhouse from David Ruf and Will is going to follow up on that. Dan McClure offered to check on pricing for a 30 x 48 ft through the Agri-Tek North Slope rep to include a school/non-profit discount. Jon reported that the two ½ time AmeriCorps, Madison and Pam , had started. Anika will start full time next week. The job description for part time horticulture support person is done and to be posted next week in newsletter and Christin will also post it on other job board sites. Jon also posted produce donations.\* Sheet attached with a note that since 2014 25,360 lbs of produce have been donated by TGP. Over 2800 lbs donated so far this year.
5. Greenhouse Manager Will Pierz said he is working on work plan and would have it Nov 1. He and Dan McClure would meet at 1 pm Friday with Jon Ruitter as Dan could be most informative on the native plant component of the work plan. Vermicomposting is also a new aspect for the workplan. Will emailed Dan background info he requested on the work plan and site expansion. Will had volunteers engaged in getting stuff cleared out of the hoopouses and greenhouse. Will agreed to a volunteer day on Nov 8 at 10 pm for volunteers to empty planting pots and get them stacked and stored properly. Will requested to borrow a propane burner and stock pot occasionally for rice homemade fertilizer prep. Cheryl Rotter would check into but Will would check with Mark Korinek for what was needed for permission to do this on site.
6. Assistant Greenhouse manager Christin Cohee has harvested butternut squash and eggplant as well as turnips and radishes from the Foothill site. Has greens going in the hoophouse. She will have the newsletter out next week, has had regular student classes. She said next newsletter

deadline is dec 17 and will go out Jan 1. Board member Dan McClure volunteered to provide a bio and picture for this issue.

7. Ag/FFA update was provided by Candi Robles.\*Report is attached.
8. No other issues discussed.
9. Next meeting due to Thanksgiving holiday would be Nov 17 @2:30 PM @ GC with call in option.
10. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

### **FFA Update:**

- Parker Story is representing Capitol FFA in the National Dairy Handler's Competition in Indianapolis, Indiana this week.
- There are 345 Capitol FFA Members. This includes students in the Eagle Valley Middle School and Carson Middle School Affiliate Chapters.
- FFA will be selling handmade items at the Carson High School Craft Show to support registration, travel and chapter expenses. Watch for their booth with the following: Metal art, candy arrangements, silk flower arrangements.
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- FFA Zone Competition is tentatively scheduled for January 16 (MLK Weekend) in Lovelock. Students compete at Zone Competition prior to FFA State Conference in March.

### **CTE Update: Carson High School**

CTE is planning for the transition of two programs of study from three-year to two-year in the following Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Career Cluster:

- Animal Systems: Students enrolled in Principles of AFNR have the opportunity to enroll in Animal Systems for SY23-24 which is the second year of the new two-year program of study. This is open to any student who has taken Principles of AFNR as a Level 1.
- Plant Systems: Students enrolled in Principles of AFNR have the opportunity to enroll in Plant Systems for SY23-24 which is the second year of the new two-year program of study. This is open to any student who has taken Principles of AFNR as a Level 1.
- Ag Mechanics Technology will move to a two-year program of study starting Sy23-24 with a third- and fourth-year Advanced Studies option.

- SY23-24 is the final year of the Veterinary Science Program of Study. This course will move to a Veterinary Science Advanced Studies, a third-year course, in SY24-25
- SY23-24 is the final year of the Ornamental Horticulture/Greenhouse Management Program of Study. This course will move to Ornamental Horticulture/Greenhouse Management, a third-year course, in SY24-25.

#### **Ag Ventures Update: Carson Middle School**

Candi and Josh toured the CMS campus with Principal Amy Robinson, Vice-Principal Jeremy Lewis, and Mark Korinek to plan for the second hoop house installation. Two sites were previewed. One is outside the Ag Ventures classroom adjacent to the Football/Soccer field. This is the least desirable site because of its relative isolation and community access during weekend/after school use. The second location is in the same area as the wetland on the north side of the building. This is a more secure location which could include an outdoor classroom area. This location is also more accessible to more students and visible from the STEM wing. This location also affords some shielding from the wind which is desirable. Site leadership is going to think further about their choice. Operations is going to get some numbers together and then look for some funding opportunities.