

## The Greenhouse Project Action Group Meeting Minutes

Thursday July 31, 2025

2:30-3:30 PM

Meeting @ Green Central with call in option @ 425-436-6326 Access Code 299827

1. In Attendance—Erin Lewis, Ann Hamel, Karen Abowd, June James, Cheryl Rotter, Jon Ruiter, Amy Riddle, Dom/AmeriCorp; Call in-Lauren Gates, Jo Kilpatrick, Katie Mitchell
2. Treasurer Vicki Crabb emailed her financial update. Karen verified that First Independent Bank confirmed their \$10K sponsorship and would be getting the funds to TGP.
3. Grateful Harvest Dinner planning underway for the 118 ticket sold out event. Karen asked that all auction/raffle items with descriptions and pictures be to her by next week at the latest. So far it looks like 18 items for the auction and 5 raffle items but awaiting final information for Cheryl and Ann working on the programs and for Jon to populate the auction site. Vicki requested a complete list with emails so letters of donation and thank you's can go out. Request for volunteers followed...

SET-UP(6)-Karen, Karel, Jon, Jo, June need 1 more person.

PRIVATE TABLE SOMMELIER SERVICE FOR GRATITUDE & BUSY BEE

TABLES-Steve Sanchez

CHAMPAGNE SERVICE @ DOOR/RAFFLE—Erin, Ann, Christin & auction volunteers to rotate to help with Raffle

DOOR CHECK-IN-Karen SEATERS/GREETERS(4-5)-June, Amy, Jo, Karel need 1

AUCTION(6)(2 STATIONED & ROTATE WITH RAFFLE)—Jo, June, Karel, Katie, Amy\* will be working with Jon throughout the auction need 1 more volunteer

ANGEL DONOR MATCH(2)-Karen and Vicki

CLEAN-UP(6)—Karen, Vicki, June, Jo, Karel, Jon \*2 more volunteers needed to free up Karen and Jon

PHOTOGRAPY-Kippy & Jeremy Spilker

Program info will be emailed to Cheryl and Ann this coming week. Karen and Cheryl set a date to shop and assemble auction boards Tuesday August 19 @ 10 am

Updated slide show at event to include pics of expansion site and Foothill Garden Ann, Erin and Christin will coordinate on.

Lauren gates will find out what FFA students will be at the event and she plus possibly Lander Smith/new Ag Mechanics teacher will be teacher representative; Students to arrive by 4:45 done by 6:15 ish and Volunteers to arrive by 4:15 to eat and get aprons and assignments.

4. Executive Director Jon Ruiter provided updates. Several new employees—AmeriCorps/Eddie and Dom; Erin Lewis is officially our Operations Manager; Ann Hamel our Outreach and Education Coordinator; Laurel and Olivia will be part time AmeriCorps and NV Outdoor Schools is new AmeriCorps provider. Cheryl let us all know that the Robert Z Hawkins grant for just under \$15K TGP was awarded!!! LOI Jon submitted to Charis Fund for hydroponics unit that would increase food production by 400 lbs. Jon is exploring the free internet service offered for the Sustainability Hub; Katie informed us that CTH will not match the \$3250 from donor Karen Seaward. Karen Abowd will reach out to her and let her know TGP will match her donation for the Foothill Garden for a fall hire (end of Aug/first of Sept) for fall planting. \*Next year this \$6250 20hr/wk position will be a sponsorship category!!!!!!
5. Director of Programs Christin Cohee is away but Erin gave her report--- production from green central went from 4873s last year this time to 1,000lbs this year!!! Great news for those food insecure receiving this bounty. Cukes in greenhouse currently and tomato soon to come; Farmers Market going well; Ripple and Pyramid Lake Museum will be doing one more contract order for this season. Youth summer programs have been great with parks 7 rec, BGC etc. Foothill volunteer event was very successful and next week China Springs will do a cleanup at Foothill Garden and mid August a planting event there.
6. Operations Manager Erin Lewis reported the worms were a bit hot so a burlap blanket and 2 x 4s set up to cool them from 80 degrees to 72 degrees which is optimal. Hoophouse is filling up with native plants again. Eddie is setting up a misting system. Potatoes growing in hoop house currently for Foothill planting and compost doing well. Erin is working on irrigation a Sustainability Hub and Karen suggested that she coordinate with Dan McClure on any questions she has.
7. Education and Outreach Coordinator Ann Hamel said all summer programs—BGC, parks and Rec and Seeing is Believing -have been terrific with kids coming back. Aug 12 from 8;30-11;30 another volunteer event at Foothill and CC Fire will drop off a trailer Aug 11. Ann will do a radio spot next Thursday 7 am with Josh Hobson/KCVN and her focus will be the gleaning program.

8. FFA/AG update given by Lauren Gates. New AG Mechanics teacher hired is Lander Smith who was TGP scholarship recipient a few years back. No more advanced greenhouse Management classes but instead advanced Plant Science classes being offered with potential of internships with TGP. Amy Riddle who heads the Ag dept at EVMS said the petunia seeding and planting went great with her students and now that she can drive the school van she is looking forward to her students coming to green central to plant the petunia baskets. Her AG class is moving forward and she appreciates TGP support and her garden club has been successful with TGP engagement. For TGP green waste scraps for compost Amy is working on getting other schools involved. Amy will be dropping off buckets at Green Central from EVMS. She wants to work with Vanessa to move compost program to the cafeterias.
9. Under other issues Karen brought up the webinar she attended last week and let Jon know that Go Fund me just launched a DAF giving platform that she wants him to look into. For the upcoming Edible Reno Tahoe magazine issue she and Karel spoke about Grow It Forward flier being in that issue and wants to include a link for a Go Fund Me DAF giving . This would also be featured in the newsletter. In that newsletters as well karel will work with Jon for October issue to present an overview of TGP organizational priorities and/or new initiatives. This is all for an END of Year giving push as outlined by the webinar.
10. Next meeting Thursday August 28, 2025 @ 2:30 PM @ Green Central with call in option.
11. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.