

The Greenhouse Project Action Group Meeting Minutes

Thursday August 29, 2024

2:30-4:00PM

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

1. Attendance—Karen Abowd, Christin Cohee, Sam Heward, Jon Ruitter. Call-in-Karel Ancona, JoAnn Skelly, Lauren Gates.
2. Treasurer Vicki Crabb was working so emailed her account updates. She also reported that Farmers Market sales to date \$1,447.61. Grateful Harvest Dinner proceeds to date for sponsorships and ticket sales \$73,486.
3. Grateful Harvest Dinner updates:
 - Karen reported day of meeting 9 tickets left but as of this minute post 5 tickets remain. Sept 13 is cut off. Jo Kilpatrick will do a billboard blast and Christin to send out newsletter on Tuesday with update. Krel had submitted an article about the event in the NV Appeal with Charlies recipe column.
 - Karen outlined list of auction and raffle items. 17 auction items and 6 raffle items. *Karen to number auction items on boards and send Jon numbered list. * JoAnn needs list of all in-kind donors for auction and raffle so Karen will do that as well.
 - *Jon requested an email list of all event attendees so they can pre-register for auction. Christin will do the outreach.
 - Conference call Tuesday with NSC folks in charge so logistics and wifi connectivity issues can be asked and answered. Karen said laptop needed to be at event as a backup for auction.
 - JoAnn thinks that we are at breakeven on programs but will check with Cheryl who was out of town for meeting.
 - Jon will get Cheryl and JoAnn QR code and reminder a large scale version of QR code needs to be in bathrooms besides programs. Worked well last year.
 - Lauren to find out who last years scholarship recipients were and get letters from them. Karen needs these for event. JoAnn will send what she has to Karen.
 - Lauren said Soils and Range Competition in Elko is same day as our event but she will have 4 FFA officers there ready to greet and speak. Students arrive 4:45 pm and can leave by 6:15 -6:30. Lauren and/or Charlie will be there.
 - Karel has 20 sunflower arrangements for tables.
 - Card readers and handheld plus clover available for event.
 - Karen will get aprons and all volunteers need to wear theirs.
 - Cheryl and Karen to put auction boards together Sept 6 and Jon and Karen to pick up easels from Jeffery after 3 PM Saturday before the event.
 - Volunteers Set up—Karen, Jo, Cheryl, Vicki, Karel Jon; Wine Service—Steve Sanchez for Busy bee and Gratitude Tables and Christin and Sam to help serve Champagne at the door; Angel Donor match—Karen, Vicki; Clean-up—Jon, Karen, Cheryl, Vicki, Karel, Jo
 - *Auction assist for Jon beginning to end—Cheryl, Vicki(as possible), Karel, Kayleen, Jo all who need to assist bidders with how to bid and with any questions

*Sell Raffle Tickets-Christin and Sam take the lead and pair with auction helpers taking turns selling raffle tickets. Cheryl to stay with Jon on auction.

-Check-in Seaters/Greeters—Karen will check folks in and Karel, Jo , Kayleen help with seating

4. Executive Director Jon Ruitter updated the group on the state auction trucks he and Karen had looked at and some others expected in coming weeks. Have one on hold. Determined diesel an option and noted all vehicles have at minimum 100,000 miles on them. Looking for something with camper shell and trailer hitch if possible. JoAnn suggested that at least a 1 ton truck or better best for pulling a trailer. 4 wheel drive not necessary. Pricing negotiable but what was viewed thus far ranged from \$2500-\$5000 depending on mileage. Nothing new on address yet. Virgil not gotten back to Jon. Greenhouse at Green Central being recovered and last roof section being replaced. New swamp cooler installed. **Over 30,000 lbs produce donated as of this month since 2014!!!

5. Director of Programs, Christin Cohee gave her update. Sept 3 the newsletter will be sent out. Auction items and final grateful harvest Dinner tickets available. Will also include Sam's introduction with an article about vermicompost. Arin will be 40 hr Americorps and Eddie and Quianna half time and since all returnees only need training on new projects. 21 students at the greenhouse this week 16 at level 1, 3 greenhouse management and 2 advanced greenhouse management. Temps in greenhouse got to 210degrees with shade cloth off and roof replacing and swamp cooler being installed. Some seedlings struggling and some lost but replanting to happen. Foothill garden rodent issue persists. Christin is calling CAD pest control to bait. 35lbs tomatoes harvested from outside garden and bed and cover crops planted. Empire School will do green waste pick up. Teacher there will do a video on how to put the green waste buckets together that TGP can share with other participants. Christin talking to master Gardeners who want TGP to plant 750 native pollinator plants (15 varieties of 50 plants each). They will provide a preferred list in 2 weeks and if approved TGP will deliver end of May. Christin and Samantha think it is totally doable. CSL students start coming back to the greenhouse end of next month twice a month.

6. Operations Manager Sam Heward updated the group. Fall seedlings are listed on Shopify and her intent is to fill the greenhouse with plants including some loofa plants. She attended the trade show but was not as beneficial as anticipated. Worms doing well and will have 3-5 gal buckets of vermicast not specifying volume or weight but to fill customers needs. She is waiting for Paul from CCSD to tractor train her so she can turn windrows with tractor and not by hand.. More concentration on Native Plant Nursery once Farmers Market is over end of September.

7. Lauren Gates reported that CHS has the largest Plant Science class to date with 17 students at level 2. 1/3 enrolled in plant and animal sciences. Plus currently 2 classes in advanced studies. Nationals which TGP financially helps to pay for participation in for students is second to last week in October. 7 of 9 officers participated in summer leadership and there is a nice mix of AG interests among the students. Lauren will send Karen an end of last school year update of accomplishments.

8. No other items discussed.

9. Next meeting Thursday September 26 2024 @ 2:30 PM @ Green Central with Call in option

