

The Greenhouse Project Action Group Meeting Minutes

Thursday July 27, 2023

2:30-3:15 PM

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

1. In Attendance—Karen Abowd, Will Pierz, Jon Ruitter, Kelly Clark, Christin Cohee: call ins—Cheryl Rotter, JoAnne Skelly, Kaylean Mahlberg, and Karel Ancona.
2. Treasurer Vicki Crabb emailed her report since she is traveling. She sent reminder Grateful Harvest Dinner sponsor invoices to CTH Health, Aspire and John Procaccini. Karen reached out as well and all confirmed payment would be sent. Cheryl had been picking up mail and a check from American Charities for \$187, Donor Advise Network \$100 and a \$20 for gratitude ad.
3. Grateful harvest Dinner update—33 tickets left for attendance of 100 at event. Will be tighter but can accommodate another 20 ticket sales beyond the 33. Christin will put a post up on Friday and Charlie will boost it. Karel had done a great article on Carson Now and said she would do another to include the auction items and push ticket sales. Jon Ruitter agreed to keep a running list of contact info for ticket purchasers so Karen could on her travel return send out tickets and reach out on menu preference, Cheryl needs gratitude notes by Aug 1 and Karen would send her a welcome letter from the board president. Cheryl would also message board to get their auction items to Jon Ruitter by Aug 15. Steve Sanchez met with Chef Tony Shaffer on glassware needs. Will and Christin to remind Charlie Mann/Lauren gates about thank you letters from students. Will has garlic and basil for Chef Tony's dish featuring that. Will still to get gift card for Kippy Spilker doing photos of event. Kaylean, if job permits, wants to volunteer at event. Karen and Cheryl will shop for table decor and do auction boards at 2 pm Aug 22.
4. Executive Director Jon Ruitter updated the group on the expansion site progress. Jake's crew has extended the irrigation. There is a water shut off valve by the fence. Karen, Jon, Steve West and Mark Johnson all met regarding CCSD helping with cost of the turnaround (\$5400) needed due to flooding at the site. No word on that yet. Will still deciding an wrap for hoop house and will talk too board member Dan McClure on best way to go. Jake is checking to see if a building permit is needed for the hoop house. SUP is unclear. Jon reported Green Business certification is very close. School starts Aug 14 so hiring for seasonal and part time positions is underway. AmeriCorp hiring starts in September. Jon reminded all to send in volunteer hours.
5. Will Pierz gave the greenhouse manager update. Reported the hiring interviews were scheduled. Applicant for part time position is student and he will find a fit for Dom perhaps as a seasonal. Crop wise tomatoes struggling but peppers tremendous; nursery production looking good and composting moving forward, making fertilizer. Potato and garlic harvest coming up. Christin's support has been huge Will acknowledged. Will is caught up at expansion site and food pick up for composting to restart next week.
6. Assistant greenhouse manager Christin Cohee updated all on newsletter needs. Karel to provide an article on grateful harvest Dinner to include auction items. Deadline is Aug 17and it goes out Sept 1. She asked Will to do an update on expansion site. She has a call out for gleaning volunteers. She and Will would discuss an announcement for Fall crop sale. She said at Foothill patience is the name of the game for produce. Discussion on 2023 weather delaying production. That said corn is tassled, squash is great and potatoes will be harvested in Sept. 55#s harvested

and 5 #s donated to Circles. Herbs are drying and brassicas and root veggies are planted for Fall.

7. No one from AG/FFA reported.
8. Other issues discussed were tour on Tuesday of Green Central at 3:15 pm for CTH/Foothill Garden donor, Lois Wray. Christin and Jon will confirm timing with Kitty McKay. Will said he would be on site as well. Christin would be at Foothill for the first tour. Karen has Vega Gardening scheduled to do a Green Central weed cleanup. Karen to coordinate with Will so as not to interfere with student classes.
9. Next meeting Thursday Aug 31 @ 2:30 pm @ Green Central with call in option.
10. Meeting adjourned at 3:15PM.