

The Greenhouse Project Action Group Meeting Minutes

Thursday April 27, 2023

2:30-4:00 pm

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

1. In Attendance—Will Pierz, Karen Abowd, Dan McClure, Christin Cohee, Vicki Crabb, Jon Ruiter, Millie Karol, Cheryl Rotter, June James, Kara Tarrato, Jo Kilpatrick; Call in—JoAnne Skelly, Lauren Gates, Kayleen Mahlberg.
2. Treasurer Vicki crabb gave an update on the status of all bank accounts.
3. Mother's day Plant Sale 2023 planning details discussed. Plant order fulfillment at 11:30 AM starting next Thursday for Karen and Vicki will check with Will about another day she can assist. May 9 is site clean up day and Will to have a list of all duties to be accomplished at GC while Will and Christin do a Plant sale interview on KOLO on May 12. 8:30 am for MAY 9 clean up and May 12 volunteers to arrive at 9 AM. At 1:30 PM John Procaccini will set up cones that Cheryl is picking up from a Sparks renting company. Tent with walls from Jo Kilpatrick (10 x 15) to be dropped off that day and weather permitting TGP tent and that tent will be set up. Students available for morning and afternoon shifts for face painting. If Charlies books arrive there will be book signing. Christin reported on volunteer shifts—7-10:30 am and 10:30 am- 2 pm. Amy Riddle will be here as well. 3-4 students signed up also. Will putting colored stickers as color code for plant pricing. Will reanalyze space plan for vendors 10 x 10 spaces. Agreed that Victor since he is TGP employee should drive the TOM. June and Jo will sell raffle tickets and trade off basket duty. Jo bringing cups and afternoon volunteer refreshments. Lydia has the morning refreshments. Cheryl will also bring some afternoon snacks.# students confirmed and 2 for the entire sale. John Procaccini has the signs taken care of. Pictures f raffle items and description to be emailed too Karel and Christin for promo. Article in Saturday Appeal about Plant Sale. Christin doing Facebook blasts. Other items discussed was who could lend rectangular tables. Jo and TGP have tables (Jo 4 tables, Cheryl 1 table, TGP 3 tables). Karen to bring small and large easel. Core group of volunteers to arrive at 6:30 am day of the event.
4. Executive Director Jon Ruiter reported that he has flower basket signage and will install on lampposts. Karen reported she had heard from Jenny Lopiccio/NID and watering contract not yet awarded though she believes Casinelli will get the contract. Payment still to be made to the NID. Jon reached out to Eikerts greenhouse and Dan to look at plugs to see if the need to be ordered or if he has some and Jon will ask Jorge/Casinelli if he has a bag of the plugs somewhere. Info sign will be hung by handyman May 6. Will, Christin and Jon met with new CCSD operations director Steve West. Still working on power issue for expansion site. They did touch base with Carl and get his contact info as he can be a great help on the solar issue and help Will calculate load. If a stand alone solar panel with battery is used it proves 24 hr power. Cheryl to check with Battleborn about battery and Kara will get Tesla contact. Dragonfly Energy also mentioned.
5. Greenhouse Manager Will Pierz said Plant Science did a great job planting flower baskets which Christin posted on Facebook. That class worked on weeding tasks today. AmeriCorps scheduling with season change and being on time and accountability for absences and/or calling in on short notice are issues Will is working through. Truckee Meadows parks posted the ¼ time

position. Will working on some revisions to the description. Good crop production. Late on some crops due to weather but petunias on target. Tomatoes looking good but some foliar issues but keeping up with fertilizing. Dan would talk to will and offer some guidance on foliar issues. Tomato production for donation 20-25#s per week. Vermi-composting happening and Will using CCSD tractor to turn piles. Anticipates food waste pick up next week from restaurants. Victor doing well and soon to get trained on vermi-composting. Will to have seed packets for Mothers day baskets.

6. Assistant Greenhouse Manager Christin Cohee will have final numbers for Sustainability Science tours but about 17 folks on tap for the tour. Christin, Karen and Will to tag team on tours at 10 am, 2pm and 3 pm. Christin met with Ripple team last week and seeds going out to them. They will be out again May 17. May 19 is Volunteer day at Pyramid Museum and Christin will be there. Christin and Will participated in the Earth Day event at Boys and Girls Club. Worms were a hit with the kids and starting next week they will be at GC every Wednesday. T Foothill Garden Christin not having any more packrat issues. Has rhubarb, peas medicinal herbs, bok choy, cabbage planted. Will be putting up more deer fencing. She has seem lots of folks stop by from the oncology facility and folks using the trail.
7. AG instructor Lauren Gates reported that students went to competition in Mesquite second week in April and placed 10th of 21 teams. Their banquet is May 17for end of the year awards and TGP scholarship will be awarded. Several students applying for chapter officer positions. She feels hey should have a full team this year. All plant science students are in FFA was her response to a question from this meeting. Half of the Plant Science students are going into Greenhouse Management in the Fall Lauren reported which is about 30 students!
8. Under other issues Karen reported on status of The Grateful Harvest Dinner. 7 more out of 12 course sponsors needed. Wine, Music, Bloom and Grow, and gratitude sponsor categories are sponsored. \$10K Busy Bee sponsor needed and Grow it Forward sponsors for those who just want to donate without reward available. Karen will have Tara design tickets this month and also send out another update to all she has contacted to be sponsors. Some auction items have been provided but more needed. End of June ticket sales for dinner to begin. Kara announced Will nominated for Green Impact award which is well deserved! May 18 from 4:30 -6pm at Governors Mansion awards to be presented. Kara Tarrato is head of Science and Sustainability for CCSD.
9. Next meeting Thursday May 25, 2023 @Green Central @ 2:30 pm with call in option.
10. Meeting adjourned at 4 pm.