

## The Greenhouse Project Action Group Meeting Minutes

Thursday June 29,2023

2:30-3:30 PM

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

1. Attendance—Karen Abowd, Will Pierz, Jon Ruiter, Dom/AmeriCorp, Vicki Crabb: Call ins-Karel Ancona, JoAnne Skelly, Jo Kilpatrick
2. Treasurer Vicki Crabb gave an accounts update. She reported that Grow It Forward donations were at \$11,700. On Harvest Dinner she confirmed that not yet received were the pledged sponsor monies from CTH, Procaccini/McKay, and balance from Aspire Capital but all had been invoiced.
3. Grateful harvest Dinner sponsorships at \$67,900 with the 3 mentioned above pending. Karen reported that the first Evite had been sent out, posters distributed and fliers were being handed out at Farmers Market. Tickets went live June 19 on the website and Karen will contact all ticket holders to determine seating preferences, if veggie entrée preferred, and beer or wine pairing. Karel will handle promo articles to include auction items and push ticket sales. Christin will do social media push after the holiday. Karen will nudge the Board mid month to get their auction items to jon and herself. JoAnne reached out to Cheryl to help her with program formatting. Karen to contact Candi Robles to get the scholarship recipient letter of thank you she received. Charlie and Lauren will get thank you letters from Ag students who went to recent event. Karen will post another Evite update this week with entertainment, thanking Gold Dust West for Grow It Forward sponsorship and letting folks know Evite response does not get you a seat at the table. Tickets must be purchased online and physical ticket will be mailed to them. Kippy Spilker will take pictures and Will volunteered to get gift cards from Cucina Lupo and Nashville Social. John Procaccini di 2 different seating charts based on ticket sales. Karen outlined volunteers and auction items received thus far.
4. Executive Director Jon Ruiter updated the group on the expansion site. Jake OFarrell had received a 50% down to purchase materials needed to complete the 40 'x 50' hoop house donated by David Ruf Jake, Jon and Will are meeting next week to walk site. Jon drafted a request to NV Energy and Karen emailed it to Tony Sanchez/NV Energy for their help with solar power needs. Jon also presented the produce donation report attached. Jon reported he is actively seeking a seasonal horticulture part time person as Victor resigned as he had a hard time devoting the hours to TGP and working in his families business. Friday July 14 from 11-2pm will be a volunteer fair so hoping position will get filled.
5. Will provided the Greenhouse Manager update. Produce cranking and feels tomato numbers should climb. 2-3 weeks out on garlic harvest. 5:30 pm July 12 Will is doing a presentation to STEAM students at an event. Tahoe Farmers Market going well and he will be rotating what is being sold at Carson Farmers Market. Irrigation is fixed but Will tackling the manifold and making adjustments. He will cover and protect plants from the heat. Fruit trees more productive this year. BGC out yesterday. Will introduced Dom /AmeriCorp to the group.
6. Christin submitted her Greenhouse Assistant Manager update by email as she was traveling. She said July/August newsletter will go out Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup>. Next newsletter to go our Sept 1 so she needs articles by Aug 17. Topics—Harvest Dinner auction items, ticket push, anything else on

Harvest Dinner, call for gleaned volunteers and AmeriCorp hiring. Some rodents have returned to Foothill. Voles and Pack rats are the culprits and she is working to control. Crops looking great. Plenty of melons and squash despite a few lost growing among corn. Potatoes hilled twice and just beginning to flower and first few tomatoes ripening. Plentiful are strawberry, pea, goumi berry and turnip harvests this past few weeks. Will helped her finish final section of deer fence. Volunteer drop in hours from 8:30-12 pm Tuesday mornings and some great volunteers have been out but she needs to push more on social media for more volunteer help.. Christin will pick up naïve plant seed from Ed Kleiner at Comstock Seeds next week so experimenting can begin. Seeds are free from collaboration with Ripple project. Christin said she and Will picked up 2 different soil mixes along with pumice from Full Circle last week. They both think these will be better mixes for native plant propagation.

7. Charlie Mann submitted by email the Ag/FFA update. They just got back from Summer Leadership camp where 8 students were able to grow their leadership skills by attending different workshops at Lake Tahoe. 2 of those students received scholarships and 3 other had half of their registration covered through TGP funds. These students are working on their Thank You cards and MS gates or Charlie will deliver those to TGP when they have all of them. Gates and Charlie will be meeting with new officer team July 31-Aug 2 to plan for coming school year. One of the goals that this officer team has is to grow the participation of the middle school programs in FFA. Students are preparing for Soils Contest which will be held Sept 20 in Ely/Lund area.
8. Under other issues Karen reported she had a phone conversation with Kitty McKay/CTH about them being the first to reach out on an alternate funding source for the Foothill Garden funding since they/CTH are the property owners. Updates will be provided when more is learned.
9. Next meeting Thursday July 27 @ 2:30 PM @ green Central with call in option.
10. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.