

The Greenhouse Project Action Group Meeting Minutes

Thursday November 17,2022

2:30-3:30 PM @ Green Central; Call in option 425-436-6326 Access Code 299827

1. In Attendance—Karen Abowd, Will Pierz, AmeriCorp Pam and Annika, Dan McClure, Jon Ruiter, Cheryl Rotter, Charlie Mann. Call in—Jo Kilpatrick, Kayleen Mahlberg, Christin Cohee, Karel Ancona.
2. Treasurer Vicki Crabb sent in an update on bank balances as she had an appointment that would keep her from attending the meeting. She also mentioned that a donation from Frontstream had come in which Will said was from Costco.
3. Flower basket update was given by Jon Ruiter. 24 renewals so far paid with \$5,000 received and \$300 in donations. Jon is confident there are 12-15 more who will renew. It was decided and Christin will implement a Facebook post on Friday that in the spirit of Thanksgiving to community or to remember a loved one a basket sponsorship is welcomed. A link to the website with the form would be included in post. Karel would do an article as well and Christin said next newsletter to go our Jan 1 with a reminder article as well. Karen said banner over main street is first week in January as well. As an aside Christin would do a Facebook post on Giving Tuesday, 1st Tuesday in December as well.
4. Executive Director Jon Ruiter updated the group on Jake O'Farrell's estimate for take down, set up, and end walls cost for Beth McCleary's hoop house which she is charging for as well. Not worthwhile was the consensus as Dan McClure met with Dave Ruf who will donate a 100' hoop house satisfying the need for 2 hoop houses and just wants in return a summer internship with work/study credit program set up at CHS in the AG program. Will thought that since TGP has a hard time with halftime AmeriCorps signups that this may be a perfect option. Dan will bring this up at the board meeting. dan also mentioned Craigs list as a great resource for parts needed for hoop house construction. Jon, Christin and Will have an interview today for part time position. From a field of 10 applicants they have narrowed it to 4 and will have more interviews in the coming weeks. No updates on power at expansion site from mark Korinek. Jon reminded all to get in their volunteer hours. Jon also submitted the produce numbers attached*.
5. Greenhouse manager Will Pierz introduced the AmeriCorp hires Annika and Pam. Madison was covering for Christin at Foothill site so was not present for introduction. Wills said outside cleanup continues and he had moved all the perennials. Outside beds prepped for garlic, Tomato crop almost done in greenhouse. Germination begun on cukes and peppers and next will be petunias. Will is researching heater option for the worms and Dan said he would help with options on that. Composting going well. Will is altering the recipe for the cold weather. He is assessing the biology under the microscope and the plant science class would get to be a part of that on Friday. CCSD getting fence repaired as soon as Will chops down olive trees and then slats go in. Will working on some communication protocol with facilities as locks being cut to gain access to expansion site. Will is growing a handyman list including replacing door locks on office. Will working with Christin on curriculum for the year. Green Waste composting going well and conversation on a storage unit, power and location to stage cardboard shredding. Dan brought up a cargo container that a mural could go on that does not require permit as Quick Space, Mobile Mini and Hodges Transportation have them. Karen said previous school superintendent would not allow that but a conversation could be had with new superintendent

and Mark Korinek.

6. Assistant Greenhouse Manager Christin Cohee reminded all that the newsletter deadline is Dec 17 and that Dan was going to do a Bio for that. Karel would do a petunia basket sponsor article for that issue as well. Karen discussed the status of the Grow It Forward endowment investment portfolio and once insurance underwriting completed the ongoing campaign just needed some modification to the poster on the website. Christin reported that the handyman was putting up the information signs at the Foothill garden. She also said she has been dealing with mice at the site.
7. The AG/FFA update was given by Charlie Mann. Parker Story took silver medal for dairy handling at Nationals competition. Candi Robles working on a grant to help with hoop house construction at state level for CMS. EVMS still considering helping with petunia growing. Possibility of middle schoolers at state competition this week which is something new. Craft Fair is Friday and Saturday this week. Charlie hopes to have 30 students going to state convention. The new AG teacher working out very well. Currently 351 students enrolled in the AG program. Winter banquet potentially in January. State competition in March and Zone in February.
8. Under other issues Karen Asked Will to send out some dates for volunteers to help with cleaning out sheds, storage closets etc.
9. Next meeting Thursday December 29,2022 @ green central @ 2:30 PM with call in option.
10. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.