

## The Greenhouse Project Action Group Meeting Minutes

Thursday March 27, 2025

2:30-3:30 PM

Meeting @ Green Central ; call n option @425-436-6326 Access Code 299827

1. Attendance-Karen Abowd, Christin Cohee, June James, Jon Ruiter; Call in—Katie Mitchell, Karel Ancona, Cheryl Rotter
2. Treasurers update was sent via email by Vicki Crabb. She noted that Thriving Roots check will go out tomorrow for balance on hoop house construction. Sponsorship checks received from NV Energy, Top Notch Distributing and Capital Tree care. These are for Course sponsors for Grateful Harvest Dinner and balance of NV Energy's goes into Grow It Forward. Fox brew Pub money received for flower basket.
3. Executive Director Jon Ruiter reported that Kaplans are traveling so their sponsorship check for 2 baskets will be received as will monies from Nv Builders Association. He will get new signage ordered from Vital Signs. In May will install signs.
4. Mother's Day Plant Sale/May 10, 2025 in full swing planning. 1) Karen asked for volunteers to help with food for those volunteering that day. Christin talked with Amy and will call Raleys too see if sandwiches can be donated and then we will have someone pick them up. June will check with Dutch Bros to see if coffee can be donated. Katie will get breakfast food for 15-20 folks. 2)Jon Ruiter contacted Bitter Root and they will play at the event and will check if they have any specific equipment or power needs. Karen will contact John Procaccini on what he provided last year for them. 3)Karen said that she, Vicki and will ask Lydia are manning the check out. Christin reached out to Lauren Gates for student volunteers. Karen said we will need some of them to sell raffle tickets. Karen messaged John Procaccini on traffic control needs for volunteers and manning the golf cart and handling the arrow person at the corner of Saliman and Robinson rotating the volunteers. Cheryl will rent bollards. Christin will determine best day/time to train volunteers by next Action Group meeting and set up was scheduled for May 9 at 9 am. Karen, June, Cheryl, Vicki, Jon and ?John Procaccini. \*\*All tents/tables must be at Green Central @ 9 am May 9 if not before. TGP has 3 tents, Katie (1), Jo (1). Dan McClure does have a tent if we need it for photo booth. 4) June said Julie from Due Sorella donating a raffle item. Christin will check with vendors if they want to donate to a basket for raffle. So that makes for 7 raffle items for sure and possibly 8. (Karen (2), Vicki (1), Cheryl (1), Karel (1), Josh (1).

Raffle items will have their own numbered buckets as per last Year. 5) Vendors will be Monarch Society, Bee City, Root & Wings, Honed by Jones, Found Essentials, Impressed Flowers by Kelly, Karel's Wireworks, and photo booth so 8 total. Karen to email John Procaccini for layout. She will let John know Honed by Jones needs power. Erin has permit and will submit. Checkout in same location and Erin has barcode scanner working. Christin will see if TGP cell phones can be used as additional scanners. 6) Liability waivers and vendor booth fee was sent out. Usually they pay the day of the event. 7) Cheryl has 15 baskets from last year and will scout thrift stores for more. 8) Jon has contacted KOLO/Denise Wong about a promo date for Christin and Erin. 9) Plant sale posters printed and shared for distribution. Karen will distribute hers next week. Jo has what she needs for billboard promo. Karel and Christin will coordinate on article and Facebook promo. 10) Karen reminded that when cardboard flats are picked up from David Ruf to get a value on that donation so Vicki can send a letter of donation.

5. Executive Director Jon Ruiter updated the group. He submitted an LOI to NV Energy Foundation for solar panel install reimbursement (\$11,500). They meet end of this month and then if approved a full grant application must be submitted. He got Robert Z Hawkins grant application guidelines which are extensive but hoping to get reimbursement for construction cost of hoop house. Jon said he looked at Waste Management and Sprouts grant applications but too much work for the money they donate. Hoop house is complete!! Waiting for inspection and after that solar kit to be installed. Hiring for Outreach and education Coordinator happening. 14 applicants and narrowing down to top 3.
6. Director of Programs, Christin Cohee, met with Adam Carpenter, UNR extension coordinator and Kelly Clark from Bee City the latter of whom wants Foothill Garden to be a pollinator hub. Adam working on Master Gardeners as volunteers at that site. Muscle Powered is working on a trail cleanup day at that site also. If these volunteers happen then the Education and Outreach coordinator will be responsible for organizing. April 22/Earth Day TGP will be at Boys and Girls Club demonstrating worms /composting.. Volunteer day this Saturday from noon -3 pm @ GC. April 19 will be next volunteer day. Friday April 18 a homeschoolers group will have a learn and work day out at GC. Lake Tahoe Master Gardeners Farmers Market May 31 is not decided yet as Christin wants to see what inventory is left from our plant sale and wants inventory for the CC Farmers Market sales. NV State Museum asked if TGP wants to sell pollinator plants at their Pollinator Polluza event June 21. Christin ordering bench table tops for hoop house but checking with Dan Mc Clure on a discount potential. Christin and crew

busy seeding, transplanting and shuffling plants from greenhouse to hoopouses.

7. AG teacher Lauren Gates sent in her report.\* See report attached.

Hello! We just got done with our State Convention for the 2024-2025 school year, effectively ending our busy season. The 20 students that attended state had a blast, and did wonderfully in their efforts. They attended leadership workshops, competed in competitions (Nursery and Landscape, Environmental and Natural Resources, Horse Evaluation, Agricultural Mechanics, Veterinary Science, and Floriculture), and one of our seniors ran for state office. Our Horse Evaluation team earned 3rd High Team, and the top 3 teams were all within 50 points of each other, which is astoundingly close. Our Veterinary Science team earned 6th High Team (both Horse and Vet are some of the hardest competitions in FFA), and our Homesite Evaluation team earned 2<sup>nd</sup> High Team. The student who ran for state office, someone you are all familiar with, did wonderfully as well. I'm happy to announce that Maximilian Bushey was elected at the 2025-2026 Nevada FFA State President! He is the first State president to come from our young FFA chapter, and we couldn't be more proud of him. Not only that, but 5 students earned their State FFA Degrees, which only 48 students received this year (our state has over 2000 FFA members). The students were Max Bushey, Lauren Davis, Alex Nerska, Tanner McCune, and Gloria Dooley.

We will be posting the sign up form for the Greenhouse Mother's Day Sale today, and will start spreading the word to students.

8. Karen provided an update on Grateful Harvest Dinner. @ more course sponsors needed but waiting on Manhard and State Farm Ins and will recontact. Aspire has their board meeting end of March so waiting is they can be \$8K Fresh Sprouts sponsor as in past years and awaiting EL Cord Foundation for \$5K co-sponsor/Busy Bee. Tickets and poster printing with all sponsors is next. Hoping to sell early bird tickets at Plant Sale. Menu will be posted in May as Karen needs to determine meat vs veggie and beer vs wine choices. Reach out to board members on auction items. So far 5 items secured.
9. Next meeting Thursday April 24, 2025 @ 2:30 PM @ Green Central with call in option.
10. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.