

The Greenhouse Project Action Group Meeting Minutes

Thursday November 30, 2023

2:30 -3:00 PM

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

1. In Attendance—Karen Abowd, Jon Ruiter; Call in-JoAnne Skelly, Lauren Gates, Karel Ancona, Dan McClure
2. Vicki crabb emailed her Treasurer's update as she had to work.
3. 2024 Flower Basket Sponsorship campaign update emailed by Vicki Crabb. 32 baskets are sponsored with \$6800 received so far. 44 baskets remain to be sponsored and Karen will re-email the remainder of last years sponsors. Karel would do a lead in article for Charlie's recipe in the NV Appeal and later in Carson Now that lets new sponsors know renewals are honored first and new sponsors are first come first served. Karen reported that our banner application was approved over Carson St from Jan 1-Jan 7 2024.
4. Executive Director Jon Ruiter updated the group on the building permit status for the hoop house. He sent a very well written email to Hope Sullivan regarding the structure and where it applies in the code. Building Dept head got back to him and said he has a meeting with dept. heads Tuesday to discuss. Requirement are excessive and CCSD did not have to jump through these hoops for their hoophouse which are from the same Farm Tek company with varying dimensions. No state grant update news as yet. Regarding management training Dan sent info to Jon and he will look into for January or February in Reno. Jon was contacted by Urban Roots on working together for more garden education for kids and working with legislature. Upcoming meetings in future. Jon asked that volunteer hours be turned in. Produce numbers provided and ended the year on a strong note. 3,465.45 pounds donated valued at \$13280.82

5 & 6. Greenhouse Revenue Manager/ Will Pierz and Greenhouse Operation manager Christin Cohee were both at a Regenerative Farming Workshop in Gardnerville. Christin sent in her updates. Christin is catching up after being in Maryland for 10 days. Foothill is mostly put to bed for the winter. Cabbage, radicchio and carrots slowly growing under cover outside. Collards and kale slow growing in hoop house. Vole issues under strawberry rows in hoop house. Dan McClure will reach out to Christin on a possible solution (juicy fruit Gum!!) Garlic planted in raised beds and mulching continues around garden. At Green Central work on tidying up and creating plans for the next few months. Seeds started for greens, herbs and natives to grow in the greenhouse for next season. With volunteer help a large part of hoop house 2 cleanup has been tackled. Plan is to sheet mulch that space this winter to keep the persistent weeds at bay hopefully. Will and Christin met with Cara Tirado, the CCSD Sustainability Coordinator before Thanksgiving break to discuss continued collaboration. She expressed that schools are still very interested in being involved with our compost program so hopefully we start receiving buckets again soon. Brainstormed on how we might be able to assist teachers with getting hoop houses and greenhouses up and running at EVMS, CHS and Pioneer. .meetings planned with the involved teachers in the coming weeks.

7. Lauren Gates gave the FFA/AG update. FFA Nationals are over,. One student got an American Degree but did not make the National officer selection. Tshirts ordered designed by student officer. Chili cook off for Charlie Manns program raised \$1500. Soils team practicing for upcoming

competition. Craft Fair successful and metal work and t shirts sold. State officers visiting next Tuesday. Hydroponics classes doing well raising greens and basil.

8. Under other issues Karen said that SW Gas asked if we are still interested in one of their used trucks which she affirmed. Karen asked that all think about possible names for the expansion site and email to jon Ruitter or herself the suggestions. Xmas Dinner Board/Staff meeting reminder for December 11 at 5 PM.

9. Next meeting Thursday December 28,2023 @ Green Central weather permitting but call in option will be available.

10. Meeting adjourned at 3PM.