

Greenhouse/Flower Basket Meeting Minutes for Sept 24

Attendance: Karen Abowd, Jo Anne Skelly, Pam Graber, Mark Lopiccolo, Janette Bloom

1. Flower Baskets;

-Flower baskets will be taken down by Parks and Rec on Oct 1 per NDOT permit and stored at Parks and Rec. Karen will contact Scott Fahrenbruch of Parks and Rec to confirm.

-Karen requested that someone from this committee take over the flower basket program and said she would guide them through the process. Karen said she asked Bonnie Parnell

to do so but Bonnie declined due to other commitments. JoAnne Skelly said she would ask the master gardeners about taking over the program and ultimately interfacing with

the special needs children at the CHS who if not this year next year will be doing the planting.

-Karen said she was awaiting the proof from Sign Pro for the street banner announcing the last week in Dec of Flower Basket sponsorship

-Karen asked all in attendance to help with getting sponsors...last year 50 sponsors

-Karen said she would assist whomever took over the program in getting our NDOT permit for next year...basically a rubber stamp process. Karen also said that whoever takes the

program over will have to organize the pick up of the flower baskets from Nevada's Own Perennials as per last year and organize with Kenny at Parks and Rec.

2. Greenhouse:

-Janette reported on the lease status and agreed with Bryce's points and she and Karen agreed with the improvement expenses of \$45,000 for an ADA compliant bathroom and \$47,000 for dirt work to connect to the sewer line 20' down all due to flood plain issues that will be a moot point with new flood plain map in progress that the school district needs to work with a less than \$5,000 lease. Karen and Jeanette feel that neither Mike Pavalakis (school counsel) or Richard Stokes(superintendent) have any idea of the expense incurred to TGP.

Karen said she would schedule a meeting with Richard Stokes, herself and Janette. At that meeting TGP would emphasize the project is shovel ready Nov 1. Mark L said he would get a set of the plans to Janette for that meeting.

-Janette reported on the 501-3-c status...said a meeting was scheduled in Oct to finalize and vote on final issues and at that point the process would be complete. A board meeting would be scheduled for Oct 14 @ 4:00 @ Adeles.

-Janette gave a treasurers report and stated TGP opened a savings account due to amount in checking account. She said TGP made \$16,007 in profit from the benefit concert, over double the amount made last year. She suggested that we look for ways to increase our profits on this event. Pam thought our approach should be fresh and different from the Boys and Girls Club fundraiser. The group agreed.

-Grant funding...Karen said that she and Jenny would do the RTP grant presentation Tues Sept 28 at 9AM @ 901 Stewart St second floor confirm Bryan Bldg. She requested that anyone who could attend would help the effort. Karen said she would work with Joyce Buckingham and her interns on the learn and Serve Grant and Jenny Scanland had forwarded all pertinent info for that app. Karen said she approached Eric Abowd of Abowd and Rose Financial Group to raise the final 100K needed due to trenching and

bathroom expenses unforeseen. Eric agreed to seek investors with a match from Massachusetts Mutual to meet that gap. Karen gave Nov 1 as a deadline. Karen said friend of Hollan/hart was working with the school district and Sun Solar on the solar panel contribution. Karen said she had met with Kathy Halbardier on the possibility of and FFA and USDA grant . She had not yet heard back from Kathy.

-JoAnne reported on the cookbook progress per the grant Kathy Bartosz had provided us. Suggestions and guidelines had been given at a meeting Karen and JoAnne attended with Kathy this past month and a WNC intern would be working on the format. Kathy Seymor of Slow Food was to work on nutrition guidelines for the cookbook. Karen said that ethnic recipes, recipes that entice kids to eat fruits and vegetable, and party/special occasion recipes for kids would be the goal. She asked for thoughts for cookbook titles that were creative and a hook to buy the book which would be t benefit TGP. Contest entries would go out to all the kindergartens.

-Karen reported that Dan Kaffer could not make the meeting but a seminar with Smith and Smith on the CSA would be some time in Oct TBD for the educational programming.

-Karen said the meeting with Michele Lewis of CHS had been postponed per Michele's request and a new meeting date TBD

-Karen reported on the upcoming fundraiser...Gratitude Harvest Dinner Nov 21 at the El Dorado to honor Chef Paul Abowd with benefit proceeds to go to TGP. Karen said she would like to net \$20,000 on the event. Board members would be expected to help and the action committee was to create the centerpieces for the event. Tables seat 10 and 200 to 400 tickets could be sold. Price TBD. Pam Graber and JoAnne Skelly volunteered to mastermind the centerpieces. Smith and Smith Karen had contacted about providing some of the floral product and Karen would get contact info to Pam. Karen reported locivore farmers had been contacted about product for the event. An Iron Chef poster photo shoot was scheduled for Monday and more details would follow as they were available. Suggestions were given for raffle or silent bid auction and Karen spoke of the art donation by Carole Terry. It was also suggested that the centerpieces be auctioned off.

-Janette spoke of the storage shed that WNC would build gratis if TGP paid for materials (\$1,000). Shed would be 10'x 12'/ Mark L thought it was worthwhile as did Karen. Janette wondered about placement and Karen said for Janette to contact Mark Korineck of the school district on that issue.

3. Next meeting was scheduled for Oct 28, Thurs @ Adeles @ noon.
4. Meeting adjourned @ 1:00PM