

The greenhouse Project Action Group Meeting Minutes

10/26/2017

411 N Division St

2:30-3:30 PM

1. In Attendance—Karen Abowd, Janette Bloom, Robin Graber, Betsy Strasburg, Cory King, Jo Kilpatrick, Charles Mann, Karel Ancona, Brenda Schmidt and Arnold Carbone.
2. Treasurer's Report was given by Brenda. Savings...\$28,758.67; Operating....\$86,519.68; CTH Foothill Garden Funds....\$50,453.93
-Flower Baskets sponsored to date 11
-Harvest Dinner course sponsorships paid to date—Vidler, Kilpatrick, D'Anneo, Lone Mountain And not yet paid----Nature's Bakery, Bently Ranch, and Aspire
3. Karen gave the Harvest Dinner update. Two Angel Donors had come forward----Dr.s Koch and McFarren (\$5,000) and Dian Garret/Frank Tucker (\$10,000). The \$5K amount is what TGP would try to match the night of the dinner. Auction items secured---"A Rolling Feast at the Glorious Garlic Farms for 8" (Arnold Carbone and Rusty Baker); Burner Mobile Progressive Dinner (Charlie and Karen Abowd); Salvador Dali Artwork (Jeffrey Pace). Course Sponsors are referenced in the Treasurer's Report. 19 seats are remaining for the dinner. Janette volunteered to do the poster for the "Bangles and Booze" raffle. Tickets for that would be \$5/ea. or 5 for \$20. Cory would contact Charlie regarding produce available for the dinner. A copy of the menu was shared with the group and Karen would post it to Evite on Friday and have Millie do the same to the Event Brite contacts. Karen would have Howard direct Len to do the same on Adele's Constant Contact list. Karel's NV Appeal article was instrumental in securing the Angel Donor. Volunteers for the event were assigned----Brenda/Tara...Front Door; Karen/Janette...Angel Donor; Cory/Linda...Raffle; Karel...Progressive Dinner Auction; Jo...Rolling Feast Auction; Candi...Art Auction. Brenda/Jo/ Karen would set up. Karen would arrive at 3:30 and the others by 4PM. Charlie Mann would arrive at 4PM and take care of projector, speakers, microphone. Cory would arrive at that time also. FFA would do 21 table arrangements and sell them. FFA student president would speak at the event. Culinary Class would have 4 students serve at the event.
4. Cory and Arnold gave the Foothill garden update. Arnold stated that the contract with CTH effective Jan 1, 2018-Dec 31, 2018 had been signed by all parties. Cory stated all was going well at the site and that some greens should be for donation to Meals on Wheels in the next few weeks. After much discussion Cory would relay to Will that the fencing around the site should be 8' cyclone fencing not electrified to ward off bears and deer.
5. For the Greenhouse Manager's update Cory reported that 2 AmeriCorps were hired—Andy for 1700 hrs. and Karen for 900 hrs. 3-900 hr. positions were needed and 2 potential applicants were being interviewed. Cory also approved for next year 5 positions through TMPF. Burgarello had been out to alarm the site better than before. Order of alarm calls would be Cory, Will, Arnold, Karen. Janette would check into getting Cory's credit card limit raised.
6. Karen reported on her meeting with Michele Lewis and Mark Lobsinger who is a Landscape Architect and teaching Civil Engineering at CHS. His goal is a hands on project for his students that may take two years. One for planning and one for execution. Karen had reviewed Millie's ideas for an outdoor classroom and Mark discussed several options that he would look at. Karen

let Cory know that Mark would contact him about checking out TGP site and potential projects. Karen wanted Cory to let Mark know what the water issues are at the site and any other pertinent information.

7. Charlie gave the FFA update. He reported that there are 50 active FFA members. Charlie will try to get one of them involved with the CC Fair Committee. The FFA Chapter is doing a Trick or Treat for food banks. Volunteer Day is Nov 4 and greenhouse wine bottle hydroponic systems were being made by FFA for the Craft Faire. JazziGreens had contacted Charlie about Tower Gardens. Charlie and Cory agreed that the interaction with Plant Science classes at the greenhouse has been great. The Soils Team placed second in state competition so now get to travel to Nationals in Oklahoma City. Kudos to TGP whose lease payment to the school district makes this travel possible.
8. Under other issues Karen let the group know that Jefferson Starship would be the 2018 Concert Under the Stars headliner and that John Procaccini was trying to secure an opener that appealed to a younger demographic. Janette had a tremendous suggestion about a buffet for the "Veranda" seating or possibly called the Farmer's Table seating. Again it was strongly recommended that dessert be offered. Inviting LA Bakery would solve that. Karen would contact Blend Catering whom she had already discussed catering this event with to confirm a save the date of July 11, 2018. Arnold had a terrific suggestion about developing a 2019 Farm to Table Calendar for the 10th anniversary of TGP in 2019. He would need 4 volunteers to assist and work would need to commence in 2018. This would be brought up at the Dec board meeting.
9. Next meeting date ...Thursday November 30, 2017 at 2:30 PM at 411 N Division St.
10. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.