

The Greenhouse Project Action Group Meeting Minutes

3/30/17

411 North Division St

2:30-4:15 PM

1. In Attendance—Karen Abowd, Karel Ancona, Millie Karol, June James, Jo Anne Skelly, Cory King, Arnold Carbone, Mark Korinek, Janette Bloom, Charlie Mann
2. Brenda was away but sent an email regarding the Treasurer's report. In savings....\$28,733.39; in operating....\$80,185.51. A late Flower Basket sponsor check had been received from Mark Twain Garden Club bringing the total sponsored baskets to 72. Concert Chalet tent sponsor checks were received from NV Energy, Barb D'Anneo, Hop & Mae Adams Foundation and Top Notch Inc.
3. Brian Harasha gave a presentation on Urban Container Gardening and the potential for TGP. This method of growing combines technology, education, AG and business and has more appeal for the IT enthusiast. He spoke of freight Farms as a resource for the containers that come completely outfitted for \$95,000 including shipping. The group mentioned this would have to be funded through a foundation grant for programs and could be placed adjacent to the bus yard fence in the southwest corner of TGP planting area. Brian also mentioned he could work with Cory on tower growing in an isolated area of TGP greenhouse. This might be ideal for growing strawberries. A do-it-yourself project like this would cost \$1,000. A Small Farm setup pre-built would cost \$39,000. Discussion ensued with the action group but no decisions were made. TGP Board would need to weigh in.
4. Karen gave the 2017 Concert Under the Stars Update. She mentioned that John Procaccini had given the OK for a 13th tent for Nevada Builders and AM Smith. With that all concert costs were covered. It was now time to push ticket sales. Mark Korinek would check on the PDF about the concert going out on the school general email. It was noted that a scanner would need to be downloaded on cell phones to scan tickets at the door. Janette would check into that. Karen read a statement from John Procaccini regarding ticket sales so there was no question regarding physical tickets for sale. None would be offered. It was determined that FFA's water for sale would be stored in the ice trailer. Cheryl Rotter and Arnold would have t-shirts for specific volunteers with sponsors listed on the back at the event. Karen requested the group to get names of volunteers and forward names and contact info to her. She had gotten volunteers to do lighting and the fence setup.
5. The Giving Tree item was tabled as Janette had not yet established the lesser price points for giving. She would have that done for the May 13 Plant Sale.
6. Cory gave the Greenhouse Manager's update. Mark Korinek said the rail repair would be in April and as of April 4 the repairs were happening. For the Plant Sale Cory had a bank of petty cash of \$200. Plants would be from \$3-\$8. Slips would be provided noting Bag Ladeez sales and Monarch sales and t-shirt sales. The FFA students would sell the donuts, coffee and water Arnold had gotten donated from Dunkin Donuts. Volunteers for the Plant Sale should arrive no later than 8AM. Arnold, Karen, Karel, Millie, JoAnne and Todd had all agreed to volunteer and Jo Kilpatrick would come at the end to help with cleanup. Cory said the Ben Hartman conference at the greenhouse was very successful and had earned \$300 for TGP. Cory had the solar panels

checked and the inverter appears to be the issue which a lean-to cover would fix. Mark Korinek would check it out and Karl from the school district was also providing direction.

7. Charlie Mann gave the FFA/AG update. State Convention was last week; many students got awards and there were 4 state degree recipients. There was also 1 American degree recipient which is the highest that can be received. Charlie reported that Level 3 classes are "all" honors classes now. In his classroom shop he has a hydroponic and aeroponic system. April 21 at CHS from 6-8PM is the FFA recognition dinner. Charlie asked that if any wanted to attend that he be emailed by April 13.
8. Under other issues Karen mentioned that Jim Peckham from FISH had asked for gardening guidance assistance and leftover plants for the garden at Richard's Crossing. He had contacted Cory to look at the site but Karen cautioned that FISH has a van and could bring the gardening group to TGP site for instruction. There would be no leftover plants as they are planted at TGP site for food that goes to FISH. Arnold said t-shirts would sell for \$20.
9. Next meeting was set for Thursday April 27, 2017 at 411 N Division St at 2:30 PM.
10. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM.