

The Greenhouse Project Action Group Meeting Minutes

Thursday November 30, 2017

411 N Division St

2:30-3:45 PM

1. In attendance....Karen Abowd, Millie Karol, Cory King, Janette Bloom, JoAnne Skelly, Jo Kilpatrick
2. Janette Bloom gave the Treasurer's report. \$86,000 is in the operating account and \$28,000 is in savings. Final accounting on the Harvest Dinner proceeds was \$41,000 net. Janette provided a 2017 harvest Dinner profit and loss statement.
3. Karen Abowd gave the Flower Basket sponsorship update which had been 13 sponsored but with her email blast had jumped to over 20 so the push is on to get the last 60 baskets sponsored. Arnold volunteered to make calls if necessary. Cory would do a Facebook push as would Arnold.
4. 2017 Harvest Dinner wrap up was given highlighting what worked and what needed improvement
What Worked.....2 Angel donors (\$10K and \$5K) and the match in the room of the \$5K; raffle which netted \$1,000 and Janette's poster display; Auction items of art, Boce Rolling Dinner and the Burner Mobile chauffeured Progressive Dinner. Also worked to have Jo Kilpatrick at the entrance end of the bar to welcome folks and advise them to grab a drink. Providing 2 dinner tickets to the CCCC as an auction item brought 2 new younger folks to the table who ended up being great contributors. FFA student speaker was outstanding and really raised awareness for the crowd. Setting up the speaker on the fireplace and the microphones in the middle of the lounge between the veranda doors worked terrific for sound.
What needed improvement.....Culinary students need some badge identification; Maybe 1 less course or 5 courses instead of 6 would shorten the length of the dinner. This year with the intermezzo there were actually 7 courses. Not starting bidding on auction items so high.
Suggestions for next year..... limo tour for the Garret/Tuckers and company of TGP beforehand; Chef from Montreaux as next year's celebrity chef. Get sound system and projector with laptop set up at 2:30 instead of 4:00 PM. This way Cory is available for the tour or designate someone else to set up equipment.
5. Cory King gave the Greenhouse Manager's report. He said a spreadsheet would be available this month updating production numbers with monetary valuation. All TGP staff were taking an excel spreadsheet class through Truckee Meadows Parks. 1200 pounds of produce has been donated to date. Cory suggested the extra hoop house parts from CTH which would cost \$350 to ship back could be used at the CHS outdoor site for a hoop house to change squash growing. He would enclose raised beds in this hoop house to protect squash from the drying winds of the site. Americorp recruiting continues and there are 6 applicants for 1 part time 900 hr position.

Cory is organizing volunteer days for the next 2 months to include FFA volunteers and the recent volunteers from Apple. Work continues on the existing hoop houses to include roll up sides. Cory will get in touch with Mark Lobsinger to motivate his class plans for TGP site. Pest management is going well. Vapor pressure deficits monitoring is working and tomatoes look great. Cory's debit card is activated as well.

6. Millie and Cory reported on the Foothill Garden. Cory will set up a meeting with the new CTH grounds person, Will and himself regarding the fencing finalization and JoAnne Skelly and Millie would be part of that meeting also. 32 pounds of produce had been donated to Meals on Wheels. The site is performing well. Cory was instructed that all volunteer hours for the individual sites have to be kept track of. Will has the shed organized and his office set up inside also. Outside leaf gathering is happening for outside raised beds at the site.
7. Charlie Mann was absent for the FFA update.
8. Karen reported under other issues that she will met with Gina Hill/BAC and John Procaccini on Dec 12 about the July 11 2018 Concert Under the Stars. Gina had expressed that her only noise complaints were from our concert however the action group members all know that the BAC summer series is not acoustic and the same folks complain about the concerts on 3rd St.
9. Next meeting date set for December 28,2017 at 2:30 PM at 411 N Division St and Karen would bring holiday treats for the group.
10. Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.