

The Greenhouse Project Action Group Meeting Minutes

1/25/18

411 N Division St

2:30-4:15 PM

1. In Attendance—Karen Abowd, JoAnne Skelly, Lindsay Chichester, Robin Graber, Brenda Schmidt, Cory King, Millie Karol, Mark Korinek, Charlie Mann, Karel Ancona, Mary Metzger, Arnold Carbone
2. Janette Bloom was unavailable for the Treasurer’s report due to weather conditions and had not been able to connect with TGP newly appointed Treasurer, Mary Metzger, who had just gotten back into town.
3. Flower Basket sponsorship update---Janette had stated that she believed we were up to 70 sponsored baskets. Arnold said once we got an updated list of sponsors that he would make any calls if needed. Only 80 baskets total are available and there always ends up being last minute folks who want to sponsor.
4. Cory gave the Greenhouse Manager and Assistant Manager update. Piecing together information from Jake O’Farrell of Dayton Valley Organics that is applicable to TGP for the misting system, Cory thinks the cost for the system will be \$1,000-\$1,200. Karen stated that February was the deadline to get the system ordered. Cory said the biggest cost was the reverse osmosis system but that filters the hard particulates that can clog the misting system. The action group all felt that expense was warranted. Pay now or pay later. The status of the HVAC repairs was that Capital Control Systems said cost for baffles etc. was \$5K minimum. Cory was not confident that the company fully understood what had to be done and felt that cost excessive although all repairs had to comply with standards for a public building. Karen asked Mark Korinek if he had someone that the school district uses to look at what needed to be done. He agreed make some calls to Quality Control Systems and said that the school district gets a discount for repairs. Karen from AmeriCorps was working on the irrigation plan. Karen asked Cory to get a written plan from Mark Lobsinger on what his class was proposing to do so that Cory and crew could know how to proceed with other site improvements. Cory and Will would attend the July 27 Wellness Fair. Karen provided copies of the 2017 Growing Highlights and let Cory know Hats and t-shirts were upstairs in TGP closet. Reminders were given for volunteers needed for Farmers market JUNE 2,16,30; JULY 14,28; AUG 11,25. Plant Sale reminder for April 7 and May 12 along with request for marketing and coordination assistance for that event was expressed. Karel and Lindsay would help with marketing and coordination. More flowering petunias would be available for second sale and hats and t-shirts would be for sale also. All felt having Full Circle Compost and the Monarch Society was a good combination of vendors. Karel would do a calendar handout for the event. The second Saturday of each month is Volunteer Day. Hours vary with the season but 9 am -1 pm was suggested. Lindsay would do Facebook promo. RSVP to volunteer cory@carsoncitygreenhouse.org. Volunteering would switch between sites as needed. Hoop house was in progress and tool needed was secured. Feb 10 is goal for completion. The new hoop house parts are being stored at a location Michele had secured. Karen reminded Cory that parts only be stored 6 months and budget had been approved for construction. Cory reported AmeriCorps would fully staffed in March. Will was meeting with

Harley Davidson Financial's "Green Team" about TGP mission. At the Foothill garden site AmeriCorps Karen, Millie and Will had spread wood chip mulch around the outside area. Cory had ordered doggie waste station apparatus for that site. JoAnne suggested sprinkling cayenne pepper around doggie frequented areas to dissuade activity. April 18 is earth Day celebration at Harley Davidson Financial. Their "Green Team" wants a tour of hospital site. Deer fence issue was resolved and ordered by hospital buildings and grounds. 79#'s of produce produced at TGP main campus in January 2018 which is TRIPLE last year's production.

5. Karen gave the 2018 Concert Under the Stars update. She passed around a sample of the sponsor letter, sponsorship levels flier and 2017 Growing Highlights flier for approval as Jan 26 she would start emailing this info to 40 potential sponsors with the goal of having all emailed before the end of January. Robin requested a PDF of all the info so she could solicit an IGT sponsor. Karel requested a jpeg of the Growing Highlights for TGP website. Karen asked for suggestions to rename the 44 seats at the event formerly referred to as the Veranda. Since the veranda scenario cannot be duplicated at the BAC it was decided to call that one long table "Table on the Green" per Arnold's suggestion. Karen said she was meeting with Blend Catering the end of February and Arnold cautioned that they NOT do small portions. Folks wanted meals. It was mentioned that all volunteers at event had to be vigilant about garbage takeout. Charlie asked that BAC NOT SELL WATER at the event so FFA students could have the opportunity to make money on water sales. The raffle ticket sale by students headed by JoAnne Skelly was a huge success especially with the iPad incentive. A 2-sided bar was requested for service or at the least a separate location for servers only for faster tent service. Having another bar in a separate location not a good idea if the BAC has a bar as it cuts down sales.
6. Website/Facebook/Instagram update was given by Karel, Lindsay and Cory. Karel had been working forward with Len on a new platform while keeping the old one active. Mary suggested a section of the website dedicated to "Greenhouse Foundation" that she would work with Karel and Janette to set up. Karel again mentioned doing the calendar. She said Len would clean up the existing site and look for a platform that is an easy interface. Karel was requesting that Facebook, Instagram etc. transfer across all platforms which would simplify posting for all involved in that.
7. Charlie gave the FFA/AG update. National FFA Week is Feb 17-24. A breakfast would be hosted t Tractor Supply on Feb 24 to tell folks about FFA/AG. Charlie conducted a professional development for AG teachers and had taken them through TGP site. The Mesquite State Leadership Conference was Feb 12-13 and Hayden Story was running for state office. Charlie's AG classes would be hosting Valentine's Flower Sales. All his CTE, honors and college credit classes were preparing for testing. Charlie is thinking about recommending a survey class to give students a taste of AG.
8. Under other issues Karen asked Arnold to touch base with the person he recommended to conduct TGP BOD retreat. She had gotten no response from the contact and wanted to do it in March in conjunction with TGP BOD meeting. Arnold said he had sent ED Epperson of CTH a suggested agenda for the March meeting regarding the Foothill garden. Karen had Cory clarify what he meant by the need for an Education Coordinator brought up at the Dec BOD meeting. His description fit Millie's scope of work in dealing with AmeriCorps Volunteers and getting tasks accomplished so that need has been handled and Cory clear on who is in charge regarding that.
9. Next meeting... Thursday Feb 22, 2018 at 2:30 PM at 411 N Division St. Mtg. adjourned at 4:15.