

## The Greenhouse Project Action Group meeting Minutes

Thursday/ February 22, 2018

411 N Division St

2:30-4:15 PM

1. In Attendance—Karen Abowd, Mary Metzger, Karel Ancona, Cory King, Will Piercz, Mark Korinek, Jo Kilpatrick, Cheryl Rotter, JoAnne Skelly, Lindsay Chichester, and Millie Karol.
2. Janette was traveling but had a written Treasurer's Report. \$48,778 in savings / \$60,934 in operating and \$79,497 in the CTH account for a total of \$189,209. To date in paid concert sponsors the total was \$12,750.
3. Karen gave the 2018 Flower Basket sponsor update. Janette reported 65 paid sponsors. Karen said Holland and Hart was securing a check for 2 baskets. Nick Marano and Sperry VanNess had said yes for 1 basket each bringing the total to 69 if payment was received. TGP still had not heard back from CC Democratic Woman, Carson City Square, Jose and Soraya Aguirre. In hopes of the latter sponsorships TGP would be at last year's totals.
4. The 2018 Concert Under the Stars update was given by Karen. John Procaccini had confirmed today that Midnight North had committed to be the opening act. In promised and paid sponsors so far \$30,000 (10 tents). She was still awaiting NV Energy's response to the \$10K request. Karen would meet with Blend Catering on 3/4/18 to discuss tent menus and then would reach out to food trucks after that. Tickets would go on sale at least by the end of March if not before. Karen noted that last year ticket sales began March 15. In March organizational meetings would be scheduled. Karen asked for volunteers to be Team Leaders for Marketing (Karel Ancona/Lindsay Chichester); Infrastructure to include food trucks (Karen Abowd), Tent set-up (Cheryl Rotter), Porto-potties and extra chairs (Lindsay Chichester); Front Gate/Security still needed a volunteer; Ticketing (Janette Bloom); Tent Lighting (Foothill Electric/Terry and Andrea).
5. Cory King gave the Greenhouse manager's report. 85#'s of produce donated this month and 185#'s since January with a total value of \$600 from the CHS campus site. 45.5#'s donated to Meals on Wheels. Americorp hiring went well with only 1 position left to fill. Karen Brier/Americorp was organizing and managing the seedlings for the Plant Sale and would create the Plant Sale fliers in the upcoming week. She was doing pre-sales and delivering to folks in the Gardnerville area where she lives. Full Circle Compost would be at the second plant sale as well as Culinary students at CHS distributing food samples of TGP product which Kathy Bartosz was organizing. Misting system was ordered and storage tank would be ordered tomorrow. Karl Keller (Power Quality) was assisting with the HVAC repair supplying parts and advising Cory on who best to do the repairs. Karl had also checked the solar panels which are in good shape. The Wellness Fair(CrossFit) gleaned some potential volunteers for TGP and hopefully plant sale attendees. The Harley Davidson Earth Day Fair Millie Karol would handle for TGP on April 18 from 10-2:00. Next week is the Career Expo at CHS. Mark Lobsinger had corresponded with Cory on site planning. 7 students would take photos and map the site and at semester's end present a preliminary plan to TGP action group. March 11-17 Cory would attend the CEU class in Tucson. March 10 is the next Volunteer day from 9-1 and Cory or will need to be contacted by volunteers so they know which site to go to. Will's # 775-600-9552. TGP will be part of the site

tour for the Specialty Crop Production WNC class on flowers. Betsy Strasburg and husband Richard are a huge help in the office with the data base and electronic file entries.

6. Will Percz gave the Foothill Garden report. He is developing a work plan and working on budgeting for grant deadlines for tomorrow and next week. He updated the group on the conferences he attended. Small Farm Conference informed his thinking on greens and fruiting crops as primary for the hoop house and not root crops. The Grass Valley conference discussed intensive tilling and crop rotation in a hoop house. Super Tuber Farm did an excellent presentation on "flame weeding" focusing on high volume production of beets and carrots. He said donations to Meals on Wheels started in mid-January and prior had gone to Eagle Valley Children's Home. He was not experiencing any pest pressure so far with beneficials and this was his first time observing that. He was going to be experimenting with tomatoes and sweet potatoes. 250-300 linear ft of raised bed building would be completed by mid-April and the Harley Davidson volunteer team was on board to help make that deadline. Above site erosion control was being worked on. Todd Ackerman was retiring from CHS CTE but would help with ADA paths and Open Space. June 1 was the date set for completion and there is a grant application submitted for the work. Will asked that I discuss with Ed Epperson at the CTH meeting who should promote the message about what is being done both in the hoop house and outside. Also he stated that bathroom access for Second Saturday volunteers needed to be addressed. He asked if someone could open the cancer center restrooms that day.
7. Regarding communications and the website Karel was continuing her work with Len Glogauer and the site would be ready for concert ticket sales. She would also use Spin Go as before to promote the concert and a "Save the Date" for the tickets by the end of March. Lindsay said she would handle posting of pictures to Instagram if Cory and Will would just email photos of produce deliveries etc. to her.
8. Charlie Mann was not present for the FFA/AG report.
9. Under other issues a spirited discussion with Mark Korinek ensued about coordination and messaging with the school district after Michele Lewis leaves to include CLS student interaction which Cory stated is improving with 2 of the 3 teachers. Karen would talk to Richard Stokes after TGP board retreat. This topic would be part of board retreat discussion and a plan forward would be discussed for her to bring to the school district. JoAnne Skelly passed around the newsletter she and Millie had worked on and was getting printed for distribution at events. She also asked that we check with June James about the bricks and a discount for quantity orders. She thought it a good idea to recognize each Americorp and their unique contribution to TGP.
10. Next meeting scheduled for March 29, 2018 @ 2:30 PM at 411 N Division St.
11. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM.