

The Greenhouse Project Action Group Meeting Minutes

Thursday 12/26/19

Cooperative Extension/ Northgate Lane

2:30-3:30 PM

1. In Attendance—Karen Abowd, Jon Ruitter, Millie Karol, Lydia Pearson, Jo Kilpatrick, Lisa Taylor, Cory King, Mark Korinek, Josh Bahn, Cheryl Rotter.
2. Vicki Crabb submitted the Treasurer's report in writing as she had to work. Bank Balances— Operating Acc. \$69,134.59; CTH Acc--\$45,316.01; Classroom Const Acc--\$16,335.87 (CTH transfer will raise this amount); Savings Acc--\$49,350.27. Flower baskets to date \$9,665.00. Vicki will meet with Janette Bloom next week to review Harvest Dinner receipts.
3. Flower Basket Update was that 45 have been sponsored so far. Strategy is that Cheryl will review list and Jon Ruitter will email or call remainder to get sponsorships finalized.
4. Grant apps have been completed by Josh Bahn and reviewed by Karen and Jon. They will be mailed 12/27/19. Outdoor classroom with funding pledges is at \$30,835 not including Go Fund Me. Promotion strategy is that Arnold has arranged for fundraiser series at Carson City restaurants. "Dining in Carson City for The Greenhouse Project". Jan 17 @ The Union with perhaps Hickory Switch; Feb 21 @ Cucina Lupo; March 20 or 27 @ Gather; April 25 or @6 @ Cracker Box T.B.D. Jon will work with Arnold and email a sign up as 2 volunteers are needed for 2 hr. shifts. Some Table Top signage will be decided on per what works for the restaurant. An enlarged posted of the outdoor classroom rendering Jon will get done for the event and on it the 2019 Growing Highlights will be posted. Karen said that April 18 the Fandango is doing a farewell to Adele's dinner and the proceeds after costs will be divided between CASCI and TGP. Tickets will be between \$100-150/ea. and the ballroom holds over 300. Court cardinal had suggested perhaps this can become an annual event.
5. Exec Director report on the restaurant fundraiser given in the previous agenda item. The Santa fundraiser raised \$1900 and check to be sent next week. Lydia had some concerns on the accounting for the monies collected. Jon stated that 20% goes to Santa and his helpers and 80% goes to TGP. Karen stated that this event has had the same sponsors for years minus a few which is a testament to the organizer and their good reputation is well known.
6. Cory gave the Greenhouse Manager's update. He will finalize the 2019 growing Highlights and get those to Tara Burke for formatting. The Governor's visit was mentioned should be included as a highlight. Special Ed returns to the greenhouse in January. AmeriCorps off Christmas week but Duressa came anyway. Cory has all AmeriCorps needed for now and will work In February on Spring hires. Cukes and tomatoes are thriving. Cory will check with Charlie Mann on leadership proposed to attend TGP Action group meetings. Cory discussed the recent CHS campus lockdown and the communication breakdown. Karen stated she mentioned this to Richard Stokes as part of the lease renewal and the issue of a locking gate like the other school gates. Mark Korinek said he would discuss with the Risk Manager. Karen also let the group know she discussed the water and that would be clarified as there has always been an issue with the irrigation meter and inability to separate that out. She stated also that fingerprinting of volunteers needs definition as some have no interaction with students and do we go to Sheriff's dept or school district to have done. AmeriCorps have a more stringent vetting than the school district requires.

7. Will was not present for Assist Mgr. update.
8. Charlie Mann was not present for FFA update.
9. Karen advised that Len had posted the revised Mission/Vision statement that includes "sustainability" that Mark Korinek had provided. The lease renewal status was in discussed in Agenda item 6 and Karen only added she is waiting to hear back from Mike Pavalakis who is legal counsel for CCSD. She had updated the list of committee members. Josh mentioned that any thank you to either grantors (Pennington or Hawkins) must be run by those grantors for permission.
10. Next meeting Jan 30, 2020 @ 2:30 PM at Cooperative Extension/Northgate Lane.
11. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.