

The Greenhouse Project Action Group Meeting Minutes

7/30/20

2:30-4:00 PM

Via Phone Conference; Participants dialed 425-436-6326; Access Code 299827

1. In Attendance-Karen Abowd, Cheryl Rotter, Millie Karol, Arnold Carbone, Lisa Taylor, Charlie Mann, Jon Ruiter, Cory King, Josh Bahn, JoAnne Skelly, Robin Graber, Will Pierz.
2. Treasurer Vicki Crabb emailed the treasurers report as she was away on vacation. Bank balances as of 7/22/20: Operating-\$69,467.93; CTH-\$71,243.84; Savings- \$49,386.43; Classroom-\$51,275.87; TGP CD- \$6,810.57. Vicki noted that so far only 1 expense has been received for the outdoor classroom for permit fees of \$920 which she paid.
3. Outdoor Classroom construction was discussed. Cory had checked with the Contractor who felt it was simple and straight forward to add supports for the shade sail. Josh asked about the wind factor and Cory said the sail had been located in that same area last year with no issues. JoAnne mentioned that pictures needed to be posted on Facebook on construction progress. Block walls now coming out of the ground so more visible. Karen inquired about furnishings. Cory knows the vendor the school district uses but Cheryl pointed out that sometimes they charge school district more. Cory felt stacking chairs and pop up tables provide the most versatility and he will check with Mark Korinek also on any surplus furnishings the CCSD may have. Cannot access the school internet but some type of technology will be needed to teach class. White board and shelving unit needed. JoAnne suggested a cork strip around the room for push pins. Contractor doing a great job keeping Cory informed. Paver location was mentioned and Cory will talk to the Contractor about that so dedicated brick pavers are prominently displayed.
4. Much discussion on the Harvest Dinner and whether to hold it Nov 9 as currently planned or do a "Kick 2020 to the Curb" Harvest Dinner postponed to Jan 4 which is the first available day at the Governor's Mansion in 2021. Charlie said that at the Nov 9 date the FFA kids CANNOT participate under current CCSD Covid restrictions. JoAnne liked the hybrid idea Karen proposed if seating is limited capacity due to Covid for exclusive dining at 1 price point and takeout at another price point. She suggested we provide a ZOOM link so takeout folks can participate in the event. Karen said she would need guidance on setting that up. JoAnne suggested that course sponsors might have a segment of the show on ZOOM. Maybe decorative items in the to-go orders to distinguish the folks participating on ZOOM. A power point about TGP suggested as part of the show. Charlie mentioned you MUST have a professional ZOOM account to make any of this work. He suggested Google Meets. Cheryl suggested satellite locations at other restaurants who have been past sponsors where folks could participate. Karen very concerned about the logistics of that model but it was suggested that perhaps past sponsors at satellite locations could ZOOM our event. Since both dates are a Monday two of our past sponsors, Cucina Lupo and Gather are closed. More on this event will be discussed at the Board meeting.
5. Executive Director Jon Ruiter gave his update. He had communicated with CEO Alan Garrett of CTH on the 3yr proposal suggested by the hospital with comments and suggestions made by the sub group that had reviewed the agreement proposal (Karen, Cheryl, Arnold and Jon). He would circle back on Monday if he did not hear from Alan. KOLO promo spot would air either this weekend or next week on Fox Brew Pub (TGP Ale) and Piazza (TGP Ale and Coffee Adele's) who

are donating a portion of the designated beverage sales to TGP. Jim Hunt (Fox Brew Pub) and Jenny Lopiccolo (Piazza) had been interviewed. Jon mentioned that signups were needed for Farmers Market volunteers mid-August into September. He also reminded all at the meeting to email him their July volunteer hours.

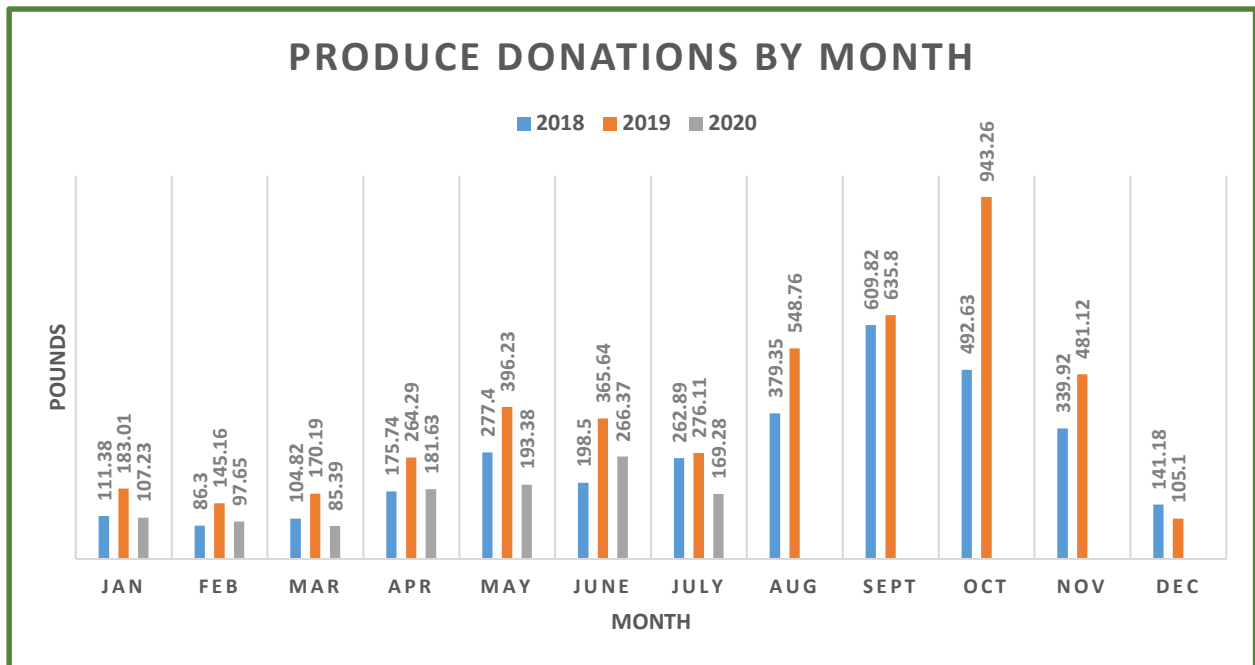
6. Cory King provided the Greenhouse Manager update. He reiterated that Aug 15, 22 and 29 help is needed at the farmers market. He said flowers will dwindle end of August. The idea of a cider press was discussed for gleaned apples...press your own...but market Covid restrictions prevent that this year. Just Brew It has presses and Cory will check on a used one from them for next year.. Arnold mentioned there are food restrictions when it is not pasteurized but Cory has done this at Greenhouse Garden Center so knows the protocol. Farmers Market so far this year has brought in \$2,429 in sales. Being the sole flower vendor has been great for TGP. Jon provided produce donations to date on the sheet attached*. They are down from last year but will pick up significantly in this next few months. The tomatoes in the greenhouse had issues but he is turning the corner on that and cukes doing well. He thanked Arnold for the 20#'s of zucchini squash that was included with TGP donation to the food insecure. Outside carrots, turnips, spinach, peas and kale. Hoop house building moving forward every Wednesday and a few Saturdays will be dedicated to finishing so volunteer sign-ups will go out. Doressa's last week is next week and Cheryl proposed that all AmeriCorps will get TGP apron and Karen suggested Doressa also receive a Visa gift card which Cory will pick up since she has been tremendous and with us for a year. Karen would bring a card Friday as well when doing flower arranging. AmeriCorps Trisha and Jessica want to re-up and Rebecca Rhea wants to sign up for Spring.
7. Will Pierz gave the Assistant Managers update and said there have been no mask issues at the Farmers Market. He did find out that the booth cannot close early even if sold out. Karen did insist that only 1 or 2 folks handle the money and Will is making that change. In protocol. Will had considered doing herb teas at the market but Covid protocol for packaging makes that difficult. He would have strawberry seedlings this week. Crop-wise he said tomatoes are great but late; greens good; cool season crops doing BMP has paid off. Rodent pressure under control. Looking at potato harvest next week. Foothill is contributing some flowers to the Farmers market. He will remove shade cloth earlier to extend season. Aquaponics he will finish by end of the season. Has cauliflower, cabbage and Napa cabbage going strong. Interpretive signage he discussed with Doressa. He suggested all check out the Serenity Stroll metal art installation. Will is reaching out to Dave regarding shade structure at Foothill.
8. Charlie Mann said that he and Rebecca have a full AG course load. AG enrollment is between 210-260 students. Though students will be at school 2 days per week, teacher/student interaction is only 1 day per week. Students did compete in virtual convention and AG mechanics came in third. Karen asked Charlie to discuss with Rebecca who wants to be in Action group and who wants to be on TGP Board. Karen also emphasized a clear path of communication for Cory with Rebecca and Charlie.
9. Under other issues the reminder to submit articles for newsletter to JoAnne and Millie by Aug 17. Will writing about Farmers Market and it was discussed that a package of Arnolds donated garlic be included with flowers in September and part of Wills article. Also suggested was increase the flower bouquet price with package of garlic in September. Karen would write and article about Harvest Dinner reimagined for next newsletter.
10. Next meeting 8/27/20 at 2:30 pm via phone conference. Mtg adjourned at 4 PM.

The Greenhouse Project

2020 Produce Donations

2020 Donations by Agency

Agency	Donations by Weight (lbs)	Percent	Value
FISH	354.10	32.2%	\$1,110.23
Ron Wood Family Resource Center	370.40	33.6%	\$1,266.95
CIRCLES	244.49	22.2%	\$761.66
Meals on Wheels	120.78	11.0%	\$693.82
CHS Culinary	6.86	0.6%	\$23.36
Other / AmeriCorps	4.30	0.4%	\$0.00
Total (through July 30, 2020)	1,100.93	100.0%	\$3,856.02



Total Pounds Produced by Location / Source

Year / Location		Green Central	Foothill Garden	Donated/ Gleaned	Total
2018	Weight	2,462.19	717.74	575.61	3,755.54
	Percent	65.6%	19.1%	15.3%	100.0%
2019	Weight	2,891.39	921.64	701.64	4,514.67
	Percent	64.0%	20.4%	15.5%	100.0%
2020	Weight	940.17	152.76	8.00	1,100.93
	Percent	85.4%	13.9%	0.7%	100.0%