

Project Grow Board Meeting
Nov. 12, 2009
7:00 pm at Matthei Botanical Gardens

Present

Andrew Comai, David Corsa, Royer Held, Kirk Jones, Eric Meves, Ralph Powell,
Damaris Sufalko, Alice Telenitsky, Marcella Trautmann

Minutes

Consent Agenda:

- Oct., 2009 minutes approved
- Executive Director's Report read

Organizational Business

- **Introduction of Prospective Board Members**

Eric Meves and Ralph Powell were introduced to the board as prospective new board members. Eric has extensive experience with cost accounting, and Ralph has served on the board in the past and is actively involved in the garden at Catholic Social Services.

- **Committee Assignments**

Board member responsibilities have been identified for five committees that will address key issue areas over the next year. The committee assignments are as follows:

Personnel: Andrew Comai, Kirk Jones, and Marcella Trautmann

Governance: Andrew Comai, Royer Held

Finance/Budget: Eric Meves (Treasurer), David Corsa, Ralph Powell, Kirk Jones

Education: David Corsa, Royer Held, Marcella Trautmann

Site Coordination/Outreach: Damaris Sufalko

- **Office Discussion**

Kirk and Marcella will talk with the director of the Leslie Science and Nature Center about the possibility of more storage and office space there. Conversely, perhaps there is no need for an office, given that much of the work can be done at home and on line.

- **Go! Gardening**
Alice has been in touch with Jacqueline Venner Senske and will convey to her our support of her efforts to get funding to continue the program. Dave will find out more about the program from the school's perspective by talking with the teachers at Mitchell. It is unlikely that Project Grow will be able to support the program without external funding.
- **WCC Instructor Pay Raise**
The board unanimously approved a pay raise for the three instructors of Project Grow's "Organic Gardener Certificate Program" from an hourly rate of \$50.00 to \$60.00, provided there is no conflict with WCC rules regarding remuneration for teachers.
- **Budget**
Kirk shared results of a preliminary analysis of the Project Grow budget for the 2010 fiscal year. While our cash reserves are in good shape, projected cash flow will likely be lower in the coming year, given elimination of funding from the City of Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County.
- **Potlucks**
Dates were established for three potlucks to be held at Alice's house.
- **New Board Members**
Kirk nominated Eric Meves to serve as Treasurer. The nomination was seconded by Marcella. The vote was unanimous. Alice nominated Ralph Powell to fill the remaining seat on the board. Royer seconded the nomination. Again, the vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Next Meeting is December 10, 2009 at the Leslie Science Center