

Project Grow Annual Meeting Minutes

Oct 13th, 2022

Zoom

Board members present:

Joanie Stovall

Royer Held

Joe Schutte

W. Scott Richardson

Sharon Fay

Dave Corsa

Dan Noble

Marcella Trautmann

also: Kirk Jones: Managing Director,

Absent: Jesse Raudenbush, Joet Reoma

Meeting started at 7:00PM

We started with introductions of all participants. List of (most of the) participants:

Pam Schwartzman

Deborah Nystrom

Julie Seagraves

Dave Corsa

Gary Nystrom

Michael Kolitsos

Dan Nobel

Barbara and Ralph (at CSS and CF)

Lucy Hully

Annette Calabrese Zurack (site coordinator at Leslie)

Cat Adams

Angela Richardson

Emma Lawton

Joanie Stovall

Zach Powers and his wife (West Park)

Norma McCuiston

Joe Schutte

Suzan Hatch

Erin ?

Royer Held did a “state of the gardens”:

- 21 Sites with 462 registered gardeners
- 50th Anniversary Celebration (thank Scott Richardson and members of the committee)
- Plant Sale (very successful)
- Island Park Potluck (also very successful) With roast pig!
- Tomato tasting
- Resolution from Mayor Taylor
- New T-shirts and Brochures (thanks Sharon Fay!)
- Project Grow Gold (originally from Greenvue)
- Fund raising/donations/grants \$6000 +
- Ann Arbor Farm and Garden \$2100 for AACIL raised bed renewal
- Jack Johnson Concert \$500
- \$2000 donation from Matt Richie and Lauren Bloom in remembrance of Charles Richie
- \$1206 from PFC
- \$2100 grant from Ann Arbor Farm and Garden to repair AACIL raised beds
- Ongoing rework of PG website
- Master Composting program won County-wide environmental leadership award
- Restated Articles of Incorporation
- Completed conversion of spreadsheet-based accounting to quicken books (thank Dave and Eric) with monthly financial reports
- Expanded educational offerings including 9 Rec&Ed classes & free classes
- Updated Gardening Guidelines
- Potatoes cuttings from Greg Stere
- Directors and Officers Insurance
- Updated Gardening guidelines
- New garden site is moving forward for 2023 at Renz Farm with 10 plots

- Joanie Stovall's "internship"
- Water supply solutions for Clague School site
- Special Recognition of Kirk. 11 years as Managing Director, He Introduced tomato tastings to project grow. He was instrumental in launching and continuing the annual plant sale. He's been an even tempered, knowledgeable, generous leader.

Treasurer's Report

Dave gave us a financial report:

Our fiscal year is a calendar year, so we won't have a 2022 financial report until January. Budgeting is tricky as we receive most of our income for the year by mid-May. By comparing our year-to-year income and expenses we always have a pretty good idea of whether we are where we want to be financially. For this year 2022 we are going to spend more money than we receive largely due to paying Joanie as an intern as she learns her new job responsibilities and investigates improvements to our website.

Report:

Assets

Checking account	\$13,000
Mutual Funds	\$108,000

Income

Plot rental	\$42,000
Plant sale revenue	\$10,000
Contributions	\$6,000 to date
AAPS Rec&Ed classes	\$900

Major expenses

Employees	\$39,000 includes plant sale to date
Water	\$6000

Garden upkeep \$6000 (hoses, spigots, tilling, tools, sheds, raised bed
lumber, trenching, stakes for garden layouts, abandoned plot maintenance)
Insurance \$2000
Phone, internet \$2000

Elections

We had four openings for our board & four candidates. As such we had a
open vote & the candidates were elected unanimously.

New board members:

Suzan Hatch

Keesa Johnson

Deb Nystrom

Annette Cababrese Zurack

Welcome!

Open Floor

We held an open floor for questions & comments & there were none.

Annual Meeting ended at 7:45