

## **Project Grow Board Minutes**

July 14th, 2022

Zoom

Board members present:

Royer Held

Joe Schutte

W. Scott Richardson

Sharon Fay

Dave Corsa

Dan Noble

Marcella Trautmann

also: Kirk Jones: Managing Director, Joanie Stovall, Karl, Nan Nelson

Absent: Jesse Raudenbush, Joet Reoma

Meeting started at 7:10PM

### **June board meeting minutes approved**

#### **Clague Update**

Meter installed, with a lock.

Some work done with talking to the gardeners, but no updates from Jacob (the site coordinator). We decided to table this subject for this month.

#### **CSS**

Safety issue, a woman was approached at the garden parking lot by person who acted & talked aggressively. Police were called, the person was made to leave. This person also described security concern because of some woods with a cut through, bad lighting, & worries of strangers walking through.

A group from PG will be meeting with CSS soon.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Labor costs are up as expected. Dave let us know that Eric is charging for some labor on some of the things he does.

Our Vanguard account is way down due to the stock market losses.

Current funds below:

May 31, 2022	June 30, 2022
PayPal \$17,747.13 (mostly plot rentals)	\$17,110.86
Stripe \$7,679.22 (plant sale presales)	\$0.00
Vanguard Mutual Funds \$134,061	\$121,645.00
Lake Trust checking \$9,183.27	\$8,908.33
Lake Trust Savings \$514.26	\$514.28
Petty Cash (cash box) \$1,907	\$1,907.00

Tech was discussed at the finance committee meeting. Possibly provide funds for moving forward with Joanie's website project.

### **50th Anniversary Committee**

The Potluck was a huge success. Very well attended. 10 t-shirts were sold. Scott attended the Jack Johnson event. They spoke to 300 people with the focus on the organization & gardening. Everyone was invited to the 50<sup>th</sup>. Lots of exposure.

### **County Farm**

There is a problem at CF where one gardener has expressed in detail that they are being harassed by another gardener. This has gone on for months. The situation escalated on June 30<sup>th</sup>. At this point this person no longer feels safe to garden at the site & requested that this situation be brought to the board.

There was a lot of discussion about the accused person with others expressing concern about this gardener's behavior.

Royer talked to Germain Smith at Dispute Resolution Center (part of Washtenaw County). They use a process called Restorative Justice. The board decided to move forward with this organization & encourage the concerned parties to work with them.

### **Dispute Resolution Process**

Edit the bylaws to use a service like the Dispute Resolution Center for disputes that escalate beyond the ability of PG to handle. Have the changes ready for the annual meeting for review & possible approval. A committee has been started to work on these. Royer, Daniel, & Marcella volunteered for the committee.

## **New Sites**

Joet is planning a tour of Vestergaard's site. Lots of ideas of what we may be able to do at the site. Joet volunteered to organize the tour & information gathering with Mike Vestergaard & find out what is opportunities there are for PG. Dave, Joe, Joanie, Kirk, Eric and Daniel want to attend the tour. Dan will talk to Joet about the tour.

The Packard Community Clinic talked to PG about a site at 5200 Venture Drive. They are currently undecided if they will do it themselves or have PG do it. Kirk will contact them again.

## **Do Not Pick Sign**

Kirk will print on the signs & get them laminated.

## **UM School of Information Project to catalogue PG Historical Archive**

Dave has worked with them & the project is in the process of being approved. It should start in January.

## **Other Business**

Abandoned plots at CF may be causing conflict issues. It was suggested that this gets included with the problems that we hope to have help from the Dispute Resolution Center.

Meeting ended at 9:11 PM