

Project Grow Board Minutes

Sept, 9th, 2021

Zoom

Meeting began at 7:09 pm

Board members present:

Calin Sferdean

Royer Held

Dave Corsa

Joe Schutte

Dan Noble

Sharon Fay

Joanie Stovall

Eric Meves

also: Kirk Jones: Managing Director

Marcella

Absent

Joet Reoma, Kym Owens, Jesse Raudenbush,

August board minutes approved

Managing Director Report (copied from report)

Board Elections

An announcement about the board elections was in the September newsletter.

Right now we have four nominations:

Jesse Raudenbush

Sharon Fay

Scott Richardson - County Farm gardener since 2021

Bilge Ozel - Food Gatherers gardener since 2019

Any other nominations need to be sent to info@ by September 15th. Jesse, Sharon and Bilge need to submit statements by September 20th. We also

have a 3rd opening for Beth. Her term ends next year so it may be easier to handle it as a board appointment. We will assign Beth's position if needed. Calin said if no one is interested, he will continue on the board.

Gardening Angels

We have a couple people volunteer for this from County Farm, but it is unclear where they need to work and who will oversee it. **At this time, we have no one to run the project.**

Hoophouse

Once the weather cools off, I could use help for an hour or two cleaning up the hoop house. I've roughly cleaned up parts of it, pulling out the big weeds for 10 minutes a couple times. **Sharon said she would help.**

Retirement

I will retire as Managing Director in December 2022. I told the personnel committee about this a couple months ago. We talked about me continuing to do the plant sale after 2022 as a paid employee and I plan to do that. We have plenty of time to plan for this.

It has been a wonderful experience working for Project Grow and alongside all of you!

A proposal was made to create a paid intern position for 2022. If possible, we will have someone that's volunteered & worked for PG like a board member for the position. This person will work with Kirk in 2022 & if everything works out, becomes the new Managing Director. Contract Eric if interested.

Outreach Committee

A final inspection is planned. It's been suggested that a wider group of board members & we had a discussion on it. The inspection will take place Oct 23rd & Calin, Joe, Royer & some others did volunteer for it. We will nail down the attendance & time at Oct board meeting.

25 letters were sent out to CF gardeners. There are 5 serious problem plots. A very long discussion took place. It was decided to continue with what was decided in August. Refer to Aug meeting minutes for the final policy.

Site Coordinators

What changes could reasonably be made to improve the impact of garden coordination activity at the CF Garden site? Some discussion was made about splitting up the site between coordinators. Sharon & Joanie decided how to work out a plan how to split it up & what the roles & responsibilities will be. More Site Coordinators are needed. Lots of discussion about that.

Board Elections/Annual Meeting

It will be a Zoom meeting on Oct 14th. As shown in the Director's Report, two board members are up for reelection, & Calin is not planning on staying on. Two new people intend to run for the board.

Jesse Raudenbush

Sharon Fay

Scott Richardson - County Farm gardener since 2021

Bilge Ozel - Food Gatherers gardener since 2019

Meeting ended at 8:45 PM.