

## **Project Grow Board Minutes**

Dec 9th, 2021

Zoom

Meeting began at 7:09 pm

Board members present:

Royer Held

Joe Schutte

Dan Noble

Joanie Stovall

Dave Corsa

Sharon Fay

W. Scott Richardson

Joet Reoma

also: Kirk Jones: Managing Director, Marcella Trautmann

Absent: Jesse Raudenbush

Meeting started at 7:06PM

### **November board minutes approved**

### **Perennial Gardener Cleanup and Survey**

Sharon & Joanie reported that the cleanup went very well. Joanie said the gardeners made good use of the second dumpster. Karl's garden was not worked on at all. However, Karl did do a lot of work then & it was much improved.

Joanie & Sharon suggested that based on the turnout & the comments, maybe it might be a good idea to have a spring perennial garden event. This was referred to the Outreach Committee.

Survey: After some discussion about it, it was thought that we should continue to do surveys & also include annual gardeners. Possibly at the end of each season. There was also discussion about if/how we should respond to the survey.

We decided to send out the survey to all gardeners except the perennial gardeners at CF. Joanie said she will work on composing the survey with Joet's help

### **Plan for filling board vacancies.**

We have three vacancies. We discussed putting out a request in the newsletter. Royer will put together an appeal.

### **Plans for board retreat**

This would be an opportunity to get some work done in a casual setting. The end of January would be the time frame. We discussed past retreats. An agenda was discussed, including onboarding new board members, review the structure, changes to the handbook. 10:30-2:30 with lunch.

### **Updates for gardener handbook**

Kirk expressed the willingness to edit it. He also suggested that people read the handbook & make some notes. The actual changes will be decided at the Board Retreat.

### **Complete Organization of committees**

Here are the committee assignments:

#### **Compost Education Center**

Joet and Dave (co-chairs), Jesse  
CECP Master Composter Certification  
Joet and Dave (co-chairs), Kirk, Jesse

#### **Education**

Royer (chair) Joet

#### **Finances**

Royer (chair) Dave, Dan, Eric

#### **Food Donation**

Joe (chair) Dan

#### **Info Tech**

Joanie (chair) Kirk, Joe, Sharon, Dave

#### **Marketing**

Royer, Sharon (co-chairs)

#### **Outreach**

Dan (chair), Royer Scott Joet

**Plant Sale**

Kirk (chair), Royer, Scott, Joe, Joanie, Sharon, Dave, Marcella

**Seed Share**

Joanie (chair), Royer, Scott, Sharon, Marcella

**Volunteers**

Joe, Joet (co-chairs)

**50th Anniversary**

Scott (chair), Joanie, Joe, Sharon, Marcella

**Update on Board Insurance Policies**

Royer will be registering First Restated Articles of Incorporation with the State of Michigan. The insurance company with the best rates for Project Grow requires that we provide our bylaws and Articles of Incorporation along with our application. The restated articles were updated to take advantage of Michigan law passed since the original articles were filed. The law provides for indemnification of board members which probably would result in a more favorable rates for board and officer insurance.

**People's Food Coop Change for our Community application**

We decided to move forward with this. Dan & Joanie expressed interest in taking it on

**Task force for restructuring perennial garden at County Farm**

Royer asked that we create a task force to take on the possibility of reducing/changing the structure of the perennial plots. Joanie, Kirk, Scott, Dan, & Sharon volunteer for this task force.

**Garden Coordinators at CF**

Some discussion of the coordinators at CF. It was decided that 6 coordinators would be okay.

**Continuation of plot surcharges for Fencing**

FG, Wines, & Hunt will continue. Scio is paid off.

**Other business**

Treasurer Report. Royer suggests that there is a report out from the Treasurer. Dan suggested that the Finance Committee should take the lead to meet regularly & get the data into a form that could be reported on

more regularly. The issue with what to do with the capital in the Vanguard account will be discussed & decided on at the Board Retreat.

Website Update. Eric's son Mark has not made progress on it as of yet. It was suggested that the IT committee will look into the website update.

Meeting Ended at 9:20