

GRAND COMMUNITY GARDENS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES

March 27, 2017

The meeting was called to order at Maverick's restaurant in Granby, at 5:40pm

Present: Board members: Patty Alander, Julie Kirby-Hines, Merilyn Hunter, Mary Williamson, and Cathleen Brown. Fraser garden coordinator: Deb Buhayar.

Minutes: The February minutes were approved via email.

Financial Reports: Travis Hoesli was not present at the meeting and no financial reports were received in advance.

Check Requests and Deposits: None at this time.

Email business:

The February minutes were approved via email on _____ by the people attending the meeting.

Two deposit requests sent via email by Caroline Smith of the CSU Extension office on 3/24 and 3/27/17 were approved. Caroline also requested that garden plot applications be submitted as soon as possible.

Report on the website: Mary reported that everything is up-to-date on the website.

Report on Facebook: Cathleen has been posting on a regular basis.

Reports on garden sites:

Kremmling: No report.

Fraser: Deb reports that they have been working on the projects described at last month's meeting. A group of employees from Devil's Thumb, looking for a community project, will help at the Fraser site.

Granby: Patty reports that she turned over the winter rye cover crop. The soil was dry enough to work with. She will be looking for someone to mow the grass this year.

Hot Sulphur Springs: There has been some interest from new gardeners.

Old Business:

Upcoming Spring classes: The class will be on Saturday, May 6 from 9-12 at the MPEI community room. Melinda McWilliams will take the lead with the GCG Board, Deb B and Travis H acting as panel members. Patty will draft a newspaper ad/flyer and Merilyn will contact the newspapers to place the ad. The Board recommends that the ad be 1/6 page and be placed in the Sky Hi News on 4/28, 5/3, and 5/5. Merilyn will also contact the Grand Lake Boardwalk and the Grand Gazette for ad rates. The Board approved spending up to \$600 for the advertising.

Garden to Table Dinner: After a discussion on the pros and cons of holding another garden sponsored meal, there was a motion, a second and a unanimous vote not to do this event this year. Perhaps the organization or each garden site will go in a new direction.

Update on Grand Lake Garden: After the last meeting it was felt that “the ball was in Jane’s court.” Jane Binford and Travis had discussed getting together for further evaluation of the Grand Lake site. Deb had offered her assistance to Jane.

New Business:

Mountain Moon Yoga Donation: Margaret Stromer of Mountain Moon Yoga has selected the Grand Community Gardens to receive funds from her “Donation Class”. Appreciation was expressed for this generosity. It was thought that the money should be used for a special purpose yet to be determined.

Review Assignments:

Patty: Draft newspaper ad/flyer.

Deb: Confirm with MPEI about room availability for gardening classes and pay deposit. Take charge of printing needed garden class handouts. Contact TT to thank them for offering to work with us on a meal and to inform them on our decision for 2017.

Julie: Email board with draft of garden class outline.

Merilyn: Minutes. Contact newspapers re cost of advertising and arrange for ads to be in on designated dates.

Cathleen: Continue Facebook posts.

Mary: Continue keeping website up to date by posting garden class information.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be on Monday, April 10 at 5:30 pm at Crooked Creek in Fraser.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Merilyn Hunter