

GRAND COMMUNITY GARDENS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
October 20, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6 pm.

Present: Travis Hoesli, Cathleen Brown, Mary Williamson, Patty Alander, Marilyn Binkley, and Julie Hines, new Board member. The Board voted via email and elected Julie to the GCG Board of Directors

Absent: Merilyn Hunter

Minutes: there was a motion, a second and unanimous approval of the September meeting minutes as written.

Financial Reports:

Financial reports: received from CSU Extension on 10/17. As they were up-to-date there were no changes .

Checks required for bed rentals: There was considerable discussion about the check payments being sent to CSU Extension to reduce site coordinators need to handle cash as well as to facilitate site record keeping. One problem with Site Coordinators not seeing the application ASAP is that there can be some difficulties with assigning garden beds to new gardeners and assuring that a garden bed of a previous renter is not assigned in error. It was the consensus among board members that a garden bed renter would contact the appropriate garden's Site Coordinator with information about type/size and location of bed desired. The Site Coordinator will instruct the renter to send a completed/signed application with check to the CSU Extension office.

Check Requests and Deposits:

- a. 4 email payments were signed for final approval
- b. 1 deposit was signed for final approval
- c. No further deposits nor check requests were turned in
- d. Board members need an electronic version of both GCG forms as well as CSU Extension forms.

Report on the website: Mary and Patty are working together to create a totally new website with a different host but the same URL. Mary is still having difficulty making any changes/additions to the current website. Payment for the domain name is usually every 3-5 years. Mary will check regarding when the next payment is due.

Report on Facebook: Cathleen reports that she is still trying to add board members as administrators.

Reports on garden sites:

Kremmling:

1. Efforts continue to find a site coordinator.
2. About half the beds are cleaned out; the rest are in process
3. Mountain Family bed still not cleaned out
4. Water is off and irrigation system is blown out

A discussion ensued about compost: what to dig back in, what to compost, and what to haul away

Fraser:

1. Water is off and irrigation system blown out
2. Cover and shade cloth are off the greenhouse
3. One end panel was replaced on the greenhouse and the other needs to be replaced
4. Compost bin is beginning to be used with some aged alpaca manure added in
5. Only a few beds need a little more cleaned out

Granby:

1. Compost bin system was discussed
2. Most beds have been cleaned out
3. 1 bed has the plant residue sitting on top of the soil
4. Large cabinet has been fixed
5. Scholarship application process was discussed briefly as a Granby Gardener would like to apply for one in 2015. Criteria is yet to be determined, but adding service hours to be contributed by the awardee was discussed. The garden bed application may need some changes to reflect the changes discussed above re: bed rental payments and copy of application to be emailed to the appropriate Site Coordinator

Hot Sulphur Springs:

1. Marilyn Hunter sent the HSS report via email.
2. The garden is ready for the winter

Old Business:

Garden to Table Dinner

1. Profit was \$489.24
 - a. Check received for \$1000 from Brickhouse 40
 - b. Poster cost was \$51.26 ck #4021 to Mary Williamson
 - c. Grand Gazette ad \$75.00 ck #4019
 - d. lamb \$204.00 ck #4000/Ext. paid for the processing
 - e. Colorado Mountain News ad \$180.50 ck #4026
2. Friday night was an excellent night for the Garden to Table dinner
3. Brickhouse 40 was very excited to be able to do the dinner, BUT there were some logistical issues that will need be resolved for the 2015 dinner
4. 2015 dinner
 - a. After much discussion about using a different restaurant in 2015, which ones might be considered, etc., it was decided to keep the 2015 Garden to Table dinner at Brickhouse 40
 - b. Need 2 lambs in 2015
 - c. We need to know what and how much of the various crops to plant
 - d. Green beans need to be harvested earlier/when more tender, blanched and frozen
 - e. Keep the price per person at about \$30
 - f. Involve the community gardeners in planting and harvesting for the dinner. Try to get a buy-in for the event with the community gardeners
 - g. Start planning the 2015 dinner at the March meeting

New Business:

2015 GCG Officers:

1. Election of officers for 2015:
 - Cathleen Brown – President
 - Patty Alander – President-elect
 - Merilyn Hunter – minutes of the meeting
 - Travis Hoesli – Treasurer via his position with CSU Extension
3. Mary Williamson moved to elect the slate of officers, motion seconded by Marilyn Binkley.
 - The motion passed unanimously (5-0)

T-shirts with Tag line

A tag-line is needed for the T-shirts. Patty's idea is "Gardening with Altitude." Send your ideas to Patty.

2015 meeting schedule:

November 17 – budget meeting
December – no meeting
January 19 – set class dates
February – no meeting
March - Garden to Table dinner; Class schedule & curriculum
April to November – monthly

Meeting location and time will be 5:30 pm at Brickhouse 40 except when we have site visits at 4 community gardens during the summer

Classes in April or May

Day 1 – basic information for the beginning gardener. Do a site visit to the Granby Garden
Day 2 - information for the more experienced vegetable gardener

2015 Budget Process

Travis will send a template for us to use when preparing the 2015 budget. Budgets to be reviewed at the November 17 meeting. Materials for garden bed repairs will need to be included in the 2015 budgets.

Review of Assignments:

Cathleen - continue working to make other board members Facebook administrators; create 2015 agendas

Mary – meet with Patty re a new website; research when the next payment is due for the domain name; meet with Patty and Marilyn Binkley re: the Granby Garden budget; change applications for the 2015 season as discussed above

Patty – meet with Mary re: new website; email 2014 Garden to Table menu to Marilyn Binkley; come up with GCG t-shirt design ideas

Julie – think of ideas of how to reach out to the community

Marilyn B – meet with Patty and Mary re: 2015 Granby Gardens budget; transition the site coordinator information to Patty

Travis – send template for the 2015 budget to all board members

The meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting Date: November 17, 5:30 pm Brickhouse 40
Merilyn Hunter and Mary Williamson to be absent.

Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Binkley

Approved