

Polk County Master Gardeners Steering Committee
6 PM Thursday, September 16, 2021

Polk County Master Gardeners met in person at the Extension Office along with Zoom. Members present were: Chair Marietta Rives, Chair Elect Eddie Robinson, Secretary Sandie Sydnes, Treasurer Stephanie McAdam, Assistant Treasurer Dick Chavannes, Christine Barker, Linda Brown, Charlene Butz, Jean Schustek, Barb Campbell, Brenda Peshak, Isabella Hurless-Banks, Kent Freise, Eva Henderson, Paul Satre, Joyce Carle, Jean Roe, Judi Pierick, Brandon Akamine, Mary Rolfes, Mary Gannon, Rhonda Murphy, Mary Poulter, Sherri Soich, Matt Dore, Judy Goshorn, Kalsa Parker-Browning (Extension Office), Denise McAfee (Executive Council), Joe Gonzalez (Extension Council), and Emma Runke (Extension Council). Bob Helvey was also present.

Bob Helvey gave a brief background presentation introducing Jenny and Eric Quiner of Dogpatch Urban Gardens. Eric handed out an informative brochure and gave a presentation of their plans to expand. They are offering an opportunity for PCMG to rent greenhouse space from them. Right now this is in planning stages only with no commitment of either parties. Their first hurdle will be to get the land rezoned. Eric answered any questions the committee had.

Motion by Mary Gannon, second by Jean Roe, to accept the minutes of the July 15, 2021 Steering Committee meeting. Motion approved.

Stephanie McAdam highlighted the Summary Financial Statement that had been email out earlier. She recommended transferring \$15,000 from General Fund to Reserve Account. Discussion followed. Motion by Matt Dore, second by Brandon Akamine, to transfer \$15,000 from General Fund to the Reserve Account. Motion carried. Motion by Matt Dore, second by Mary Gannon, to accept the Financial statement. Motion carried.

Update from MG Program Coordinator- Kalsa reported:

1. The Fall MG class has 53 trainees which is bigger than the last two years. Over 100 applications were received in Polk County. A Volunteer Fair will be held October 12 at the Extension Office from 6-7:30. This will be an opportunity for the projects to promote themselves to the trainees.
2. The Harvest Celebration will be October 19.

Old Business:

Kalsa gave a presentation from the Revision Committee. A copy of the committee's proposal was emailed out earlier. Members of this committee were Sandie Sydnes, Bob Helvey, Eva Henderson, Jean Schustek, Linda Brown, and Kalsa. Kalsa explained the timetable. We are not voting on this tonight. There will be two Q&A meetings at the Extension Office on October 12 and October 13 open to any PCMG. Feedback can also be given to Kalsa via email. Then a proposal will be voted on at the November steering committee meeting for implementation in 2022. Questions were answered throughout Kalsa's presentation and a discussion followed. One comment which will be followed up is to make sure this complies with the PCMG Guidelines.

New Business:

1. Motion by Mary Gannon, second by Kent Freise, for the Greenhouse committee to pursue a potential partnership with DUG (Dogpatch Urban Gardens). Discussion followed. Motion carried.
 2. Nominating Committee- Neither Mary Gannon nor Kalsa have received any responses to the call for openings. We will need people to fill Chair Elect and Recent Class Graduate positions assuming the other officers agree to remain on the committee.
 3. Mary Poulter said the Harvest Celebration October 19 will be on Zoom only.
- Marietta Rives adjourned the meeting.