



MASTER GARDENER FOUNDATION OF KING COUNTY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 8, 2021, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order.

Jim Olson, Valentina Barei, Bruce Caredio, Carrie Hill, Trish Bloor, Bruce Williams, Suzi O'Bryne, TJ Johnson, John Sykes, Amy Lee, Randi (??) in attendance.

Guest – Mary Watts

The meeting minutes for June were approved.

Request for Funding Votes (All)

2022 NWFGS Booth deposit (Approved), Des Moines Clinic Material Storage (Approved), Ballard Clinic Material Storage (Approved with reservations – will only approve through end of clinic); Fall Plant Sale (Approved);

Community Relations Coordinator Transition (Jim)

Marty Byrne is stepping back. Jim would like to renew her contract so that she can transition someone into that role. Extension of the contract was extended.

Program Update presented by Mary Watts

Garden, Education, Clinic, Program Leadership Team and Initiative Status
GivePulse Roll-out – about 60% of MG have claimed their accounts. Roll out for entering hours will be delayed while GivePulse makes changes requested by the program.

Prog. Asst. Position. Jennifer Marque was trying to secure funds but thus far has been unsuccessful. She is not giving up but expects that it could take as long as six months. For this reason, Mary will start a search for a temporary part time position.

Finn Hill demonstration garden has broken ground.

Education Team – working toward coming up with clear budgets for what educational efforts might raise in funds.

Clinics are starting to open on a limited capacity. Some clinics are not getting enough willing participants to fully staff shifts. Clinic Leadership team is working to share staffing resources.



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Email clinic has slowed but still twice the rate of pre-covid.

Not advertising clinics this year as we are so uncertain of staffing.

Treasurer's Report (TJ)

Year to date we have brought in \$62,000, and our expenses sit at \$68,000.

Good news –

Educational Seminars have earned 187% of budgeted income
The plant sale earned 185% of budgeted income.

Accounting services are over budget due to a fee increase to 135%
Plant sale cost more than expected (113.91%) but still made money
A note on cash flow –our bank account is at 13,000 so may be dipping into investments soon.
Audit committee meeting set up for second quarter.

J. Olson asked to assign the audit committee an action. Would like to consider at some point locking in some of our gains. We have an investment policy last reviewed in 2016. What would the committee recommend and why? TJ asked for clarification, is this a one time thing? Yes.

A'Key Grant Status (Trish)

One application from two counties in southeast corner of the street. Trish and Carrie will review.

Board Member report on Special Focus Status

Education Team – Richelle and Bruce W.

Bruce's experience that the suggestion was not met with enthusiasm. Isn't aware that another meeting is scheduled.

Plant Sale Team – Valentina – have not met yet. Will do so this month.

Donations – Randi –

Annual appeals letter is generally our big push. There are other ideas from other counties and programs. What is the story we can tell about the good that we do to help us find other sources of funding. Randi thinks there may be several different avenues where we could apply



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for grants. TJ asked, how do we find them / are they local? Answer - It could be city, county or state. We would have to do research. Did we have a grant from King County? Suzi proposed an email to our membership asking if anyone is a grant writer.

Board Executive Session (All)

8:45 Adjourn

Next meeting: Thursday, August 12, 2021, 7 to 8:30 pm