



MASTER GARDENER FOUNDATION OF KING COUNTY

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, April 14, 2022, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Attending: Carrie Hill, Jim Olson, Bruce Caredio, Valentina Barej, Suzi O'Byrne, Bruce Williams, Mary Watts (ex officio), TerryJo Johnson Wing, Amy Lee, Trish Bloor,

Not in attendance: Phil Fordyce, John Sykes

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Jim Olson.

Announcements:

Richelle Godwin has resigned from the board.

Lynne Provost has applied to the board.

Emily Castle is considering but has not committed

Corrections to the March minutes were offered by M. Watts

March minutes were approved with corrections.

Program Update (M. Watts)

Program assistant position has been posted for five weeks with zero applicants. There is a labor shortage and salary is low. The position was posted at the bottom of the approved salary range (\$14). Mary is working with HR to rewrite description to get it coded as higher ranking position.

Basic training for 2022 is complete. It really went well.

Jennifer Marques has been working on creating an endowed faculty chair position. To do this \$1.5 million will need to be raised. This role will put together training for recruits state wide. We will be hearing more during next year's 50th year anniversary commemorations. Jennifer is currently estimating that it will be five years before we have enough money to hire the person. This position will be fully dedicated to Master Gardener program.

Clinics launched this last weekend. Things are starting to feel more normal. Some email about one or more clinics wanting to use tablets. Also possibly having internet access for those. Gabby Hong became the leader of the Garden Leadership Team in May.

Treasurer's Report (TJ) -



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Light activity particularly in terms of expenses. Not really expecting any until gardens heat up. Education series is doing well bringing in consistent money. Soon we will be filing taxes. TJ hopes to have budgeted enough – last year we were surprised by a hike in price.

Discussion on sign-ups for second series of BDG classes. Trish sees lots of advantages to recording classes.

There was a discussion of should we seek to get Director and Officer Insurance

Jim Olson spoke with Dave Hanower who is a past president of the foundation board and an attorney. According to Dave the DOJ looks poorly on D and O insurance. The board currently has a candidate that won't serve unless we have D and O insurance. A discussion followed about the additional information the board might seek to make an informed decision.

There was a discussion of what it would cover and what it wouldn't followed.

Jim Olson will get information from other county programs as to what they have or don't and revisit this next month.

Finance Policy (Jim)

Currently we are not in compliance with our finance policy. It was put to the board that we need to either change the policy or change what we have sitting in the bank.

Motion to adopt revised policy was passed.

Investment Policy (Jim)

A proposal to change percentages of the investments was put to the board.

A discussion of our risk tolerance followed. The current investment profile was discussed.

Motion to change the investment policy was passed

Emergent items (All) –

The board was encouraged to recruit board members.

Jim Olson will follow up with John Sykes regarding spring appeals letter.



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8:36 Adjourn

Next meeting: May 12, 2022 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm