



MASTER GARDENER FOUNDATION OF KING COUNTY

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, May 12, 2022, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Attending: Jim Olson, G. Scheider (guest) C. Hill, B. Caredio, J. Sykes, D. Schlessner, B. Williams, S. O'Byrne, M. Watts (ex officio), T. Bloor, D. Schlessner (guest), TJ Johnson, P. Fordyce
Absent: Amy Lee

Meeting was called to order

It was announced that Mary Watts is leaving the program.

Approve minutes for April meeting – Jim made cosmetic changes. Trish moved to approve. B. Caredio seconded –Meeting minutes approved.

Lin Provost has volunteered to join the board. Her candidacy was unanimously approved.

Program Update was given by Mary

Pending departure – last day is May 27.

The Program Coordinator position was posted today.

J. Marquis estimates it will be at LEAST twelve weeks if all goes perfectly. In the interim the Program Leadership Team will be overseeing the program.

C. Hill brought it to the attention of Mary and the board that the position is misposted to Black River in Renton. Mary will let Jennifer know.

G. Scheider, being present, provided the update on Clinics - 28 of 41 clinics are presently operating. The biggest challenge right now is for clinics with too many interns and too few vets.

Gardens are busy. There is a new Garden Leadership Team Leader – Gabi Hong. She is surveying leaders to find out what topics to cover in next all garden meeting.

The education team will be meeting next week. B. Williams would like us to track Speakers Bureau money.

Tech Team is looking at what tech WSU can support us in. Tech team also looking at data collection within KC – how we collect, how we store.



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M. Watts asked to purchase a clinic resource box to take with her. The request was approved.

Treasurer's Report - TJ

TJ asked for a report on the clinics that G. Scheider and C. Hill can confirm on costs for clinics.

Two Requests For Funds (RFF) were presented to the board.

We had a discussion of the Wallingford RFF to get that new site operating. About \$280 was spent ahead of approval. Their requested amount was raised to \$500.. Motion made for \$500 – passed.

DesMoines - \$99 RFF approved for payment for material storage at their Farmer's Market location.

P. Fordyce asked if it would be better to let the Prg. Dir. Manage small requests rather than having RFFs submitted to the Board. J. Olson explained that this is money not budgeted. Once money is budgeted, line item approval is not needed.

Discussion of budgets and RFFs for clinics and the management of both followed.

G. Scheider provided update on new clinics and why they need funding.

Per our last board meeting our investments portfolio was rebalanced.

Investment Portfolio Recommendation, Jim presented for Amy.

Amy spoke with a consultant who works with non-profits and provided an update on what she learned. It jives pretty well with what our original team had come up with but last week we were uncomfortable with the risk. We were on solid footing then and are still now.

Director and Officer Insurance - Jim

Jim reached out to other MG organizations in the state. Four organizations have replied – three have D&O coverage. Trish shared what happened with a disgruntled client from a class at BDG. The entire interaction was so unpleasant that J. Olson has switched position on D&O. Discussion of others experience with D&O and is it appropriate – what does it cover that isn't covered by liability insurance.

The board was surveyed and it was decided that more research regarding what it would and would not cover, and how it differs from our current insurance was needed.



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Mid-Year Appeals Letter - John

The second appeal letter has been drafted. John requested volunteers to help stuff. Looking for volunteers for this weekend. A discussion followed of the prep work needed to get the letter out. An email will be sent to the board with more details soon.

Look ahead - Jim

Advanced Education Conference will be taking place in Thurston County this year. Raffle items have been requested

The September BBG event and Program Office future were not covered, as time ran out.

Jim Olson offered sincere thanks to me for my service.

I'm glad I took the time to serve. I appreciate the hard work of all of our board members.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.