

CCGA Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2024 - 6pm on Zoom

Attending: JW Glass, Amy Olson, Marsha Wyatt, Barb Dennis, Mamie Gray, and Lorraine Kells.

The meeting had issues logging in with zoom and started late; this was also the reason there was no November meeting. The meeting was called to order 6:33pm

Motion to accept October minutes made by Barb, seconded by Marsha.

Project/Event Updates

Amy reported that the AUA x CCGA working to create a City of Chicago Growers Ordinance has completed a short Preliminary Survey. Over the next few years, AUA in collaboration with partners throughout Chicago (CCGA), will be focusing efforts on co-creating an urban agriculture plan to align with the food future that growers need to thrive. In the sections of the survey respondents will please provide insight into where we should focus and why. A final copy will be sent to all community gardeners, including school and church gardens as well we non-aligned growers throughout the city.

Communications will not be sending an end of the year Newsletter, but an email greeting which may include the year's accomplishments, workshops, and distributions. A Winter Newsletter in 2025 is proposed. A quarterly update is also proposed with dates for submission. Please send stories. We will mention the loss of Julie Samuels but no article will be included until the ad hoc committee has completed their work.

Resources and Distributions

CCGA Resources Committee had a good holiday distribution Dec 7, with 40+ community gardens participating. Each received a beautiful bouquet of decorative material, lots of evergreens, and ornamental branches. Coffee grounds, coffee chaff and burlap were also available. Many thanks to donors The Contained Garden, Green with Ivy, and Nature's Perspective for their generosity! NeighborSpace and CCGA teamed up for a free tulip distribution.

Education Committee No Report

Advocacy and Outreach No Report

Finance Committee No Report

Communications Committee

JW reported that there are problems with the CCGA email list which must be resolved with the vendor so that everyone can be informed of our coordinating meetings. We need another link to Zoom other than via stewardship. JW will look into it with NeighborSpace.

Motion to adjourn made by Marsha, seconded by JW. Meeting adjourned 7:04.