

CCGA Coordinating Meeting
Tuesday, January 21, 2020
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
The Hatchery

Present at the meeting were: Julie Samuels, Kimberly George, JW Glass, Lorraine Kells, Gina Jamison, Angela Taylor, Harriette, Mariano, Mike Wallace, Avi, Elvia, Bernardo, Patricia Hart

- I. Welcome & Call to Order The meeting started at 6:40 p.m. Kimberly took notes and there was no timekeeper. We reviewed the agenda and Lorraine motioned that previous minutes from Whitney Young meeting be tabled until the next meeting. Pat seconded the motion. Motion to table minutes was unanimously approved.

J.W. reviewed the committee structure of CCGA. This included the following committees: Resource, Finance, Membership, Education, and Communications. Chairs of each committee comprised the overall Coordinating Committee.

- II. 2020 Conference - 3/21/2020 at Whitney Young H.S.
- A. Conference Chair - Lorraine nominated Gina to be Conference Planning (Meeting of the Minds - MOTM) Chair. Mariano motioned that Gina be Conference Chair; Julie seconded the motion. All present voted and Gina was unanimously voted as Conference Planning Committee Chair.
- B. J.W. explained that Coordinating Committee meetings take place on the 3rd Tuesday of the month with a focus on Conference Planning (MOTM) prior to the conference.
- C. Conference Logo is being created by Amy. Logo choices will be e-mailed to committee members on 1/23/2020 with e-mail voting to follow
- D. J.W. reported that the CCGA Web Site and Newsletter are being updated to include: conference updates, registration. Newsletter is emailed to more than 1,600 community gardeners. Conference registration information is used to create lists, name badges, etc. Angela requested that all conference supplies be collected and stored in designated area of The Hatchery. She also suggested that future discussion is needed to plan for long term storage of CCGA supplies.
- E. J.W. reported that Public Good is no longer the finance collecting option for CCGA. Go Fund Me is the new finance collecting option and designated by CCGA fiscal agent Neighbor Space. J.W. will work on linking CCGA Registration with Go Fund Me.
- F. Lorraine reported that conference workshop RFP's were e-mailed on 1/1/2020. The Education Committee met on 1/20/20 to select workshops based on RFP's submitted. RFP's submissions are also shared with committee members via link and shared drive.
- G. Lorraine reported that the conference will consist of 2 workshop sessions with 6 workshops offered each 75 minute session.
- H. The twelve conference workshops include:
1. Mike Strode- The Offers and Needs Market

2. Caitlin Donato, MPH - "What Does the Environment have to do with My Health?"
3. Lori Upchurch and Anai Brizuela "Growing Community: Inviting Interaction through a Permaculture Lens" - This is a bilingual workshop.
4. Ellen Newcomer, Kacey Bersett Eaves, May Toy - "Sharing Notes Four Experienced Community Gardeners Talk about Creating and Perpetuating a Community Garden" panel discussion
5. Molly Costello - "Yard Sharing..."
6. Dr. Andrew Margenot and George Watson - "Mapping Soil Lead in Chicago"
7. Emilia Arellano - Spanish Language workshop, *Técnicas eficaces para la jardinera ecológica en pequeños espacios.*"
8. Lillian Holden and Jeramiah Strickland- "Birds as Connectors to Nearby Nature"
9. "Benefits of Community Gardens and Urban Wellness" - Panel discussion with Steans Faculty members, University of Chicago
10. Betsy Elsaesser "Tree Huggers Unite - Let's Plant and Protect our Trees"
11. Zachary Grant - "Production/Planning for Community Garden Systems"
12. Jacqueline Smith - "Using Traditions to Build our Gardens and Community"

J.W. noted the depth and diversity of 2020 Conference workshops. Lorraine also noted the diversity of the presenters. Angela motioned that the slate of presenters be approved. J.W. seconded the motion. All members present voted unanimously to approve this motion.

J. Lorraine introduced having a keynote speaker noting that "this year's venue can accommodate a speaker". J.W. motioned that Robert Nevel be this year's keynote speaker. Kim seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. Brief Committee Reports

Resources Committee - Tabled

Finance Committee -

- A. Angela requested a discussion on the pros and cons of including a \$5 table rental fee for conference exhibitors and vendors.
- B. Angela asked for committee preferences for box lunches or hot food for conference luncheon
- C. Angela suggested a discussion with NeighborSpace take place to discuss a "flat rate" versus the current rate calculation.

Membership Committee - Tabled

Communication Committee - See above

Education Committee - See above

- IV. Next Meeting Date and Adjournment- The next meeting is Tuesday 2/18/2020
Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted on 1/21/20 by Kimberly George