

CCGA Coordinators Meeting, Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at Center for Green Technology

ATTENDED THE MEETING – Julie Samuels, Lorraine Kells, Gina Jamison, Cordia Pugh, JW Glass (came by briefly at the start of the meeting), Erik Hernandez, Mamie, (others?)

TIMEKEEPER – Gina Jamison

NOTETAKER – Cordia Pugh

Meeting started a little around 6:30p, **Julie Samuels**, facilitated the meeting

Lorraine – please be reminded that on Saturday, July 8 2017 at 12-2:30p after the beneficial insects workshop there will be a B-shower for Angela O'Rourke. She is moving abroad with her husband. You can bring a \$ donation to add to a card. Food – One Summer Chicago (afterschool matters) will make cupcakes for the event.

Lorraine made a good point for engaging kids in the gardens – Feel and smell with the eyes and not touching everything in the gardens.

REVIEW AGENDA - Julie

Retreat, possible dates and location in September or October 2017

We can discuss what committees are doing at this time.

Any other business that needs discussion

Lorraine – Conference facility, we need to plan early for next years CCGA Conference.

Erik – discussed our previous meetings notes

JW – discussed about our organizational structure, volunteering, rotate structure

General discussion – we need to contact all the committee members who were delegated sites to visit and report. Cordia Pugh will send out a follow-up email to all committees to please report site visits asap.

Membership retreat was discussed, some discussion about having a Hillary approach – Take what you have and make it better.

General discussion – CCGA fiscal account with NBSP status.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – Julie

RESOURCES - Mamie

2 mini distributions this year from greenhouses – the turnout was great!, 1 no charge, 1 \$5 charge. The Resources committee is working with DOORS students at gardens in Chicago. DOORS is working with students with sheltered lives, volunteers, they also sight see the city during their visit. Many/most are from out of State

EDUCATION – Lorraine

Herb workshop was successful, Sarah Mellon discussed the history of herbs, tons of food – pesto, samples were available of herbs, 2 hr workshops, medicinal herbs
Ad-hoc group with school gardens (Gina and Lorraine are involved)
Youth membership with CCGA gardeners. We need more gardens that are ready and willing to engage with Youths, middle schools, STEM schools; do have gardens, offer different curriculum, look into CPS, Montessori schools.

FINANCE – Gina (sat in for Angela Taylor who was not present at this meeting)

Angela is getting together with Sally to reconcile the financials from the 2017 CCGA conference at the fiscal account.

Erik presented from Sally (for members to view) current CCGA associated expenses at the fiscal account. Balance as of June 27, 2017 is \$14,615

The FINAL conference expenses are forthcoming.

COMMUNICATIONS – Erik

We had issues with the website and we need to update the website – THEME

WordPress has problems

Looking into online Host sites

What is needed is a full redesign of the site

We need to switch up a bit

Newsletter will come out by the 2nd week of each month.

Lorraine – photo drop? If you have photos of any CCGA events please send them to photos@chicagocommunitygardens.org

Erik – 2017 Veggie BINGO, to raise money for NBSP gardens partnering with the Hide Out, plenty of prizes. Dates, Every Wednesday in summer, from June 21-September 6, 2017, 5:30-8p

MEMBERSHIP – Julie

Discussed the Garden awards and the application process and acceptance period has been extended.

This is the first year the awards are being given

No City staff are Judges

Deadline for applications will be July 7, 2017

Gina – found the application intimidating, it showed gardens that were very manicured on the website for applicants.

Julie – Tribune Writer contacted her, the Obama Center wants community gardens involved.

2018 CCGA Conference Venue

Cordia will send out email to all committees about making on-site visits.

DATE: Saturday March 3, 2018

VENUE: TBD

Bring your research from site visits to the next Coordinators meeting to report on possible venue.

Julie – offered to research IIT

Also discussed the retreat and possible dates and **Lorraine** will send out doodle with possible dates.

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT STEPS

SCHEDULE NEXT CCGA COORDINATORS MEETING

Possible August date for meeting, no date was set.

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