

## Education Committee Meeting Minutes, October 16, 2018

Present: Lorraine Kells, Gina Jamison, Val Kehoe, Anastasia Hinchsliff and guest Danielle Russell, Openhands

No Additions or Deletions to agenda Read Minutes of 2.3.2018. Gina called for motion to accept, Val seconded. Minutes accepted. Election of Chairs postponed

Gina reported on conference planning and venue stating Kennedy King, Breakthrough, Salvation Army Freedom Center, Truman College, and Malcolm X were still being considered and reassured everyone that a decision would be made at the next coordinating meeting. March is still the month but no date.

A brief discussion of school gardening took place. Danielle told us that Openhands has 74 school gardens and is focused on their Space to Grow Program. Openhands still plans to include community gardens in future workshops. Val announced that The Kitchen Community's new name is Big Green.

Lorraine and Gina explained to new members responsibility of the Ed Committee for the annual conference and that Ed Committee proposes additional workshops during the year as well. We read the 2018 RFP, a widely circulated document to invite potential presenters from as broad a field as possible which meet consistency in standards of practice of ACGA. Val helped explain that good horticultural practice is important. All present discussed a change to the wording under presentation guidelines to strike language volunteer recruitment and retention and replace it with **"volunteer engagement and organizing workshops drawing on experiences of seasoned and new gardeners."**

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Call for motion and new language read aloud. Gina made motion to propose this language to the CCGA committees for acceptance. Anastasia seconded

Discussion of Conference Themes began as everyone spoke in turn that climate change poses threats to the environment, gardeners, and both plant and wildlife species. We are faced with confused and failing plant and wildlife species, unpredictable or scarce water resources and we are vulnerable to all of this. Val mentioned a 20-page document of guidelines being developed. Lorraine called for proposed conference themes on dealing with the impact of climate change for community gardeners. See end note

Discussion of Possible Workshops outside of conference in Jan or Feb by all led to a proposal for two workshops 1) Fermentation and 2) Plant propagation by leaf and stem. Gina made the motion to accept these workshop proposals. Anastasia seconded.

Discussion of Parkway and Corner Garden was deferred to a future meeting

Reminder: Co-ordinating Meeting date Tuesday, Oct 23 at 6:30 pm at CGT Next Ed Committee meeting date will be determined by google poll once conference venue and date are firm

Motion to adjourn made by Danielle, seconded by Anastasia. Meeting Adjourn 7:26

End Note: Conference themes proposed to breakdown the impacts of climate change for community gardeners

- Intentions and Actions in a Changing Climate
- Intentions and Actions in a Changing Garden
- Intentions and Actions to Promote Climate Resiliency
- From Diversity to Biodiversity – Gardening to preserve best garden practice
- Steward Community Gardens for Climate Change
- Sustainable Actions to Promote Climate Change Resiliency
- Sustainable Actions for Climate Change Resilience in Community Gardens