

Minutes Education Committee Meeting February 17, 2017

Meeting place: Richard M. Daley Branch, Chicago Public Library, 733 N. Kedzie Avenue Chicago, IL Present: Lorraine Kells, Angela O'Rourke, Bea Jasper, Cordia Pugh, Breanne Heath, and Erik Hernandez

Conference presenters were confirmed.

Four Panelists for the conference were selected based on the conference theme: Viviana Moreno and Fermin Meza, of Semillas de Justicia Community Garden and Kimberly George, of Chicago Youth Centers. An additional panelist to bring a diversity of knowledge and race will be sought by Breanne and Cordia with an emphasis on leadership/ community organizer capacity.

The format of the panel "Gardeners Grow Communities" will be a table presentation with 2 microphones shared by each of two panelists. A moderator will introduce the panel and make opening remarks to engage the panel and the audience.

Questions for the panelists will be taken from cards placed in the welcome packet and marked/stamped as Q CARDS. These will be collected by volunteers during lunch and given to the moderator for selection. Questions not answered will be retained for the website newsletter or future workshops

Moderator will be contacted and asked to facilitate the panel discussion -Mike Nowak or Christopher Weber, an environmental organizer and freelance journalist who recently gave a talk on "Building Garden Communities."

Six classrooms are available and scheduled for workshops to accommodate 210 registrants as follows:

212A Computer Lab (19) tv screen

212B (50) whiteboard-this room will be scheduled for the largest workshop

209 (35) whiteboard

208 (35)

207/206 (35)

204 (35) couches, conversational setting

Gym (250)

Coat check or lockers for personal items

In the event that registration exceeds 210 people Education offers two alternatives:

A: set up 2-3 round "lunch" tables: as networking and information tables staffed by volunteers to answer questions, offer information, provide access to resources, etc.

The table will have "cafe type order signs" that say Network with Us, and Ask a Gardener

For people who are not attending workshops

People to talk about CCGA, help with garden questions, share resources
Need to set aside a table/chairs for this

B: use the computer lab with tv screen projection to lead a group through an introduction to the CCGA website and use the opportunity to navigate the website via questions from those present. A knowledgeable volunteer will lead this group for 45-50 minutes.

10 Volunteers have been recruited and those names sent to Gina with more from Bea
Breanne 4 volunteers from Peterson Garden Project
Cordia 6 volunteers
Bea student volunteers from Lindblom HS

New Business

Discussion of reviving BUGS program (Breanne and Cordia will discuss)

The co-ordinating committee needs to discuss the retreat
And a workshop for “How to have a Successful Garden Workday” open to all CCGA, not just NeighborSpace gardens.