

CCGA Co-ordinating Zoom Meeting, Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 6pm

Attending: Julie Samuels, JW Glass, Mamie Gray, Laverne Morris, Barb Dennis, Angela Taylor, Marsha Wyatt, Lorraine Kells, and Amy Olson. Guests Mary Fran Riley, Accion

### **6:00pm - Welcome & Call to Order**

**Volunteers for Time-Keeper/Note-Taker** – non assigned

**Agenda** revisions considered but rejected; agenda accepted by motion from Lorraine; seconded by Marsha

**Minutes** of previous meeting not read or accepted although they are on the website, posted by Amy

### **Project/Event Updates**

A discussion of the WeWill city initiative prompted a proposal that both CCGA Education and Advocacy and Outreach Committees host a community meeting to explain the initiative to community gardeners and gather input as to how the city can support community gardens.; how the city can allocate resources to community gardens especially on the south and west sides. May volunteered to lead the zoom gathering sometime in December, January or February before the conference. Amy suggested a theme of the presentation: The role of community gardeners in the health and healing of the city of Chicago. Communications will work with the committees to formalize the presentation and get the word out.

### **2022 Conference Discussion**

A discussion whether to hold a virtual or live 2022 conference led to a motion by Angela: **That CCGA coordinate and host a virtual spring conference in a series of presentations offered in March on Wed 4-6pm and Saturday 10am-noon. A separate outdoor/indoor in-person 10 year celebration will take place at a venue & date TBD.**

Marsha seconded the motion.

A discussion of vendors led to a proposal by Marsha: **CCGA will host vendor pages on the website.** Seconded by Julie

Both motions passed unanimously by 10 attendees

### **Committee Reports**

- **Advocacy & Outreach** has not been able to hold any meetings. May did report earlier on the WeWill initiative that she, as a member of A&O, is working on as an Advisory member.
- **Resources** – Barb Dennis reported on the October Resources distribution and announced the Dec. 4 Resources calendar for a Holiday Workshop and Plant Sale
- **Education** – Lorraine reported that the committee will meet in December to consider changes to the RFP to simplify the wording explaining who we are and give more space to explaining the new way we are doing the virtual conference.
- **Communication**

● **Finance** – Angela reported she had not yet met with Sally so could not give final accounting of the 2020 conference. Angela requested that those committees that received/are still holding money dating back to the 2020 conference please submit a status report of those funds by the end of the 1st week of December.

**Ad-Hoc Business**

JW spoke about gathering a group of folks in December to work on mapping community gardens.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:15 Made by Marsha. Seconded by Amy

Next CCGA Coordinating meeting is Tuesday December 21, 2021 at 6pm.

Notes compiled by Lorraine Kells