

CCGA Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2023 - 6pm on Zoom

Attending: JW Glass, Barb Dennis, Gina Jamison, Mamie Gray, Mary Fran, LaVerne Morris, Julie Samuels and Lorraine Kells

Meeting called to order 6:13pm

Motion to adopt minutes of November 11 made by JW. Seconded by Barbara after a brief discussion to clarify them.

Project/Event Updates are now given at the top of the meeting as per draft agenda sent 10/15

Call for a motion to accept three proposals as submitted to Resources and Distributions Committee for use of funds to support community gardeners which were sent to committee chairs. Mary Fran put forth the idea to get publicity for these proposals into Block Club Chicago and our Newsletter and other sources and seek continued funding. **Motion was made by Lorraine: CCGA will adopt three proposals as submitted to Resources and Distributions and will create messages and PR releases to publicize these proposals, document the projects, and seek additional funding to continue the work. Seconded by Mary Fran**

There is a continued call for the next newsletter, possible Winter Newsletter—please send topics/articles. Mamie will follow up on contacts to get recommendations for the intern position for Communications.

There were no other topics/projects to discuss

Committee Reports

Resources and Distribution— Barb spoke of Resources and Distributions activity, Dec 2, when over 40 participants attended the annual holiday garden workshop featuring Hands-on Container workshop by Bridget Schroeder and Ann Driscoll of the Contained Garden. Juline McClinton gave a holiday wreath demonstration. Mary Fran noted that Resources also had a Dec 8 donation of DeVroman bulbs, 7 crates in all including tulips, crocus, daffodils, and iris. After the workshop, Resources saved a couple of crates for Robin. Also, branches and greenery donated to Resources benefited the community in a do it yourself first-come, first-served free handout at New Horizons. A community group was very appreciative of this, and it worked out very well.

Advocacy & Outreach – No Report

Education – Gina mentioned that Kuumba Tre Ahm had been awarded a grant for cover a new water system, landscaping of fruit tree, irrigation, and a new design for the garden with herb spirals, raised beds for disabled persons. As well a greenhouse expansion by 4', This was a Community Growers Grant that NS and AUA had made available.

Communications – JW described some technical work that needs to be done to adjust the volunteers form, as well as the map. Mamie and JW will get together. JW is looking for story

ideas, and photos from the CEGA awards + copy. He mentioned the city composting program copy for our Newsletter.

There was a discussion of fruit tree grafting. JW mentioned a workshop in spring which is open to the public. Club members bring scion wood.

Gina reported that the Chicago Marathon donated compost. Dr Israel tested 4 cubic yards. This sustainable offering comes from Urban Canopy. They work out of the Hatchery with a community engagement team. CCGA should keep in touch for more community gardens.

LaVerne requested a reminder of the fruit tree workshop for all interested. JW said it would be posted on our website calendar some time in March. Midwest Fruit Explorers, mid.fex.org in the organization.

JW requested any ideas, events to be posted, please send along.

Finance – Angela was not available.

A reminder, the next meeting is January 16, 2024.

6:57 **Motion to Adjourn** made by Mary Fran; seconded by JW