

CCGA Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes, October 15, 2024 - 6pm on Zoom

Attending: JW Glass, Amy Olson, Barb Dennis, Gina Jamison, Mamie Gray, Mary Fran, Lorraine Kells, Emma Pierce, Food System Organizer, First Presbyterian Church of Chicago and Katherine Kenny from Nettlehorst Elementary School Garden

Meeting called to order at 6:09pm. Motion to adopt minutes of September 19 was made Gina and seconded by Amy

New members were welcomed. Katherine told us about her work at Nettlehorst Elementary with their children's garden. She reviewed how they did winter sowing in donated gallon milk cartons. She is glad to hear about CCGA and is looking forward to the bulb distribution in Oct.

Emma stated that she has been in touch with Ellen who will advise here on greenhouse growing.

Due to a time constraint on her attendance, Amy gave an update on the Newsletter and Mailchimp. A fall newsletter will go out, and now that we have a paid account there are added features which will provide more flexibility, user roles, and subscriber metrics for both the main CCGA mailing list as well as the Resources mailing list. If they choose to import their database. We'll have better functionality to create and track forms. We also talked about the Newsletter format and ideas for recurring features and columns to help make it more meaningful and engaging for kids and families. We will re-establish quarterly calendar, with a submission timeline coming in early 2025.

Project/Event Updates

Tribute for Julie Samuels. As Gina was the only one present, she was asked to contact the ad hoc group that is planning a memorial for Julie. They will put some content together for the Newsletter.

6:40 Committee Reports

Resources – Barb stated that 6000 plants had arrived for the Resources Fall Perennial Distribution which included pollinator plants and garden tools. The set up was done with completion in record time. She announced an Oct 26 garlic bulb and spring allium and hyacinth distribution at the African garden. Miscellaneous bags of compost and peat moss will be available as well as garden hoses and other bits of garden materials to be included.

Advocacy and Outreach – No one was in attendance, but Lorraine stated that the collaboration with AUA for creating an urban agriculture ordinance had been signed.

Education – Gina stated that the committee would offer a vegetable fermentation workshop as well as kombucha in 2025.

Communications – JW wants to know the cost of the new mailchimp account. He reviewed the Communications team routine tasks.

Finance – No one present.

6:59 Motion to adjourn was made by JW; seconded by Gina