

March 18, 2025 CCGA Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes Draft

Hybrid Meeting - Richard M Daley Library and Zoom.

Pledge read and observed quietly

6:12pm Meeting called to order. Lorraine agreed to take notes and note times. There is no timekeeper.

Attending: Barb Dennis, Gina Jamison, Lorraine Kells, Angela Taylor, and Amy Olson (joining 6:39 with laptop for Zoom connection)

Motion to accept Feb 18 meeting minutes made by Barb, seconded by Gina.

Project/Event Updates

Julie Samuels Tribute/Memorial

Angela stated the ad hoc project for Julie Samuels' Memorial is well underway with a draft letter to Jerry Adelman requesting his participation in making and soliciting donations. Currently there are \$2800 in funds, and a GoFundMe website link. Plans are to place a bench in the Oak Park Conservatory and/or in the Garfield Park Conservatory.

6:39 pm People attending on zoom were able to join the meeting: Natalia Szklar, Keyra English, Carolina Ara, Sarah Batka, Mamie Gray

Committee Reports

Finance Angela reported CCGA has a balance of \$13,158.49 with \$895.76 in Education line item; \$1208 in Legacy Garden; \$1562 in Resources; and from NeighborSpace \$5000 to transfer to CCGA, another \$5000 to transfer per CUAC agreement (See Advocacy & Outreach). To request payment three forms are available depending on how payment is to be made: Reimbursement, Direct Pay, or Credit Card. All documents must be filed with Angela.

Resources and Distributions Committee. Barb stated that R&D Committee hosted a Community Garden get together at the Hatchery on Feb 22 with 72 people responding, 60 attending. Winter sowing in containers, propagating outdoors, seed starting with Carolina was offered. Sam and Angela Taylor donated micronutrients which were given to participants. On March 15 there will be a panel discussion for, "Planting for Pollinators in Small Spaces"

Education Committee CCGA Education Committee is hosting a table at the Green Teacher Gathering, April 5 at the Academy for Global Citizenship (4942 W 44th St). The fair is from 10-3 pm. Volunteers to help table would be greatly appreciated.

Gina shared that there is a fermentation and kombucha workshop being planned with Jeannie Calabrese, details to come, aiming for late April or May.

Advocacy and Outreach CCGA collaboration with AUA continues. A survey form has been created and everyone is encouraged to complete it when it is sent out. Flyers with a QR code are available, but Amy will create a link directly to the survey.

Communications Committee Amy shared that there is a spring newsletter in the works and ideas are welcome. Amy will share a story list. The communications team needs additional help to keep newsletters on a regular schedule, update the website and manage social media and hopes to have a few new volunteers soon!

Before adjournment, additional discussion centered around loss of funds no longer available in the tree planting initiative as climate funds remain frozen by the Trump administration. May mentioned she has planted Asian pears and persimmon trees in her garden. Gina mentioned she has been able to plant fig trees.

7:28pm Motion to adjourn made by May, seconded by Amy