

## **HEIGHTS GROWS**

Meeting Minutes April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Location: Haddon Heights Library

Present: Tracey Miller, Maureen Joos, Adrienne Evans, Miriam Mlynarski, Cyndy Mullineaux, Karen Schultz, Jeanne Ottoson, Debbie Gagliotti, Chris Masters, Annette Castiglione, Sadie Fitzpatrick, Mary Jo Woodward, Dawn Reilly (HHSD)

Cyndy called the meeting to order at 6:45 and had everyone introduce themselves and welcome 2 new members, Debbie Gagliotti & Chris Masters.

### **1. Spring Planter Update**

Pansies and Daffodils planted on Saturday, 3/26 by HG members, students and family groups went well but we were a little short on volunteers. Tracy suggests in the future if we need 15 volunteers we should ask for 20 as there are almost always some no shows. We did not get the rain that was due that day and had a cold snap so some watering & deadheading is needed. Cyndy will be mulching.

### **2. HHSD MH Awareness Initiative Month of May**

Annette presented sample swag and with Miriam, greens and flowers to be used on gazebo, R/R railings and Library. Colors to be all green and yellow. Dawn has lined up 20 student volunteers to make bows & swags for Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. Annette, Tracey & Mary Jo will be present to assist.

Cyndy has flats arriving 4/18 to be planted at Library & R/R tracks on 4/30 so all will be ready for May 1<sup>st</sup>. Four Seasons Landscaping will be mulching for us the week of 4/25. Tracey will put together a sign up sheet for the 4/30 planting.

### **3. Sponsor-A-Planter**

Cyndy had given a final date of April 1<sup>st</sup> for renewal of planter sponsorship. Still waiting on about half and would like to give a final notice with a 4/15 deadline. After that we will open it up to the general public.

### **Earth Day Cleanup 4/23/22 (RAINDATE Sunday4/24)**

We will be working on Station Ave, Hoff Park, the Baseball fields on Atlantic and the Devon Ave Soccer fields. HG members, Scouts, Sustainable Heights members and Students needing Community Service will be doing the cleanup. HG members will also be needed as Ambassadors at each site to hand out equipment provided by the County, collect trash bags and equipment etc.

Information will be posted on Heights Neighbors site.

Annette suggested that with the additional sites a new Grant might be written for more monies from Camden County.

### **4. Fund Raising**

Last year we had Hats, T-shirts & reusable cloth bags. It was decided that we may go forward with only Hats and bags. T-Shirts are too pricey at \$25. It was suggested that perhaps HG members be able to purchase existing shirts at cost to move them. Tracey says we have about 6 hats left. Reusable bags are

currently being offered for sale at Trouble Brewing and April Robin. We will not be participating in the Farmers Market since the number of items sold and new member sign up was not worth the Volunteer time needed. It was suggested that T-Shirts be brought to Summer Planting event and perhaps some of our single event volunteers would buy one. Trees come out Friday night, May 20<sup>th</sup> and new plants in on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Last year's Plant Sale was successful. We do not want to compete with Easter or Mother's Day sales and we did not come up with a date or a place to hold it this year.

#### **5. Volunteer Outreach and Retention**

Maureen and Tracey making phone calls and leaving messages to keep new members up to date on HG happenings.

#### **6. Budget Report**

Treasurer's report was submitted by Dave(out with sick) and presented by Cyndy. See attached.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Woodward