

HEIGHTS GROWS

Meeting Minutes February 6, 2023 Location: Haddon Heights Library

Present: Tracey Miller, Maureen Joos, Adrienne Evans, Miriam Milynarski, Cyndy Mullineaux, Pat Ferguson, Dave McCulloum, Annette Castalione, Sue Waslenko, Cheryl Wolmsley, Karen Harbin, Michelle Fareri, Tina Vaspoli

Cyndy called the meeting to order at 6:45

1. Introduction - review of expectations, roles, mission, and core values

2. Year at a Glance- Cyndy M covered the 2023 calendar of events that we will be planning and accomplishing throughout the year and handed out copies.

3. Special Thanks- Cyndy recognized Tracey and Maureen for their work with the very successful Wreath Making fundraiser in December

4. Review of Roles- Reviewed and discussed the need for defined roles for various activities in order to help facilitate our growing list of activities, look for volunteers. The following roles were discussed: Workshop Ideas, Planting Coordinator, Gardening Coordinator for maintenance of downtown areas, Social Coordinator to plan activities for our group, Sponsor a Planter, Garden Tour organizer, Community Clean Up Coordinator

5. Budget Report - Dave M.

We are awaiting information and balances from the borough. Current approximate budget (including money for final planting) \$4500. We are asking the boro for a line item to assist in purchasing 2 large and 2 small planters, and perhaps supplies. Dave will send out updated information and tallies when available.

6. Budget Priorities- We are looking for information regarding the following ongoing projects, but also those that Heights Grows could assist with in the main town center:

- Water Tank issues: how can we more efficiently water our areas of coverage. Decided to have a separate meeting for this topic at a later date.
- Bus Shelters: Kings Highway, Station Ave and 2 on the White Horse Pike. We would like to add planters and trash cans, in order to make a more pleasant entrance to our town. Need to speak with Council and NJ Transit.

7. Council & Committee Meetings- As an update to the general membership, the committee members met with other volunteer and civic groups in the fall regarding a shared vision for volunteerism and programming in Haddon Heights. We will continue to network with the groups and see what the town council envisions for Haddon Heights.

8. Garden Tour- June 24th- Heights Grows will be partnering with the Chis and the Haddon Heights town library to present 6 house gardens. We are in need of greeters to assist at each house for the tour and act as tour guides as well. For the event, we are looking for volunteers to help prior to the next meeting on marketing and to form a committee.

9. Distribution of Information/Community Updates

Heights Report: We have submitted our information to be printed listing what we've been doing and what is planned. Dave M. will create and submit our next submission at the end of October.

10. Volunteer Outreach and Retention

Maureen and Tracey will continue to make phone calls and leave messages to keep new members up to date on HG happenings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Adrienne Evans