**GFC MINUTES**

**Date: April 13, 2021**

**Time: 2:30PM-4:00PM**

**Location: Zoom**

**Chair(s):** Francesca Butler, Sarahi Porcayo **Present:** Claire Eaton, Tyler Pasley, Megan Styles, Ellie Bretscher, Joshua Melnick, Junfeng Wang, Anna Schoenherr, Francesca Butler, Salome Wartman, Ivette Castanon, Chuck Coderko, Steven Simpson-Black, Jennifer Davis, Dathan Powell, Gless Meehan, Julia Wasik

**Secretary:** Ellie Bretscher **Absent:** Christina Ryan, Brian Beckerman, Sarahi Porcayo, Steven Simpson-Black, Louisa Van Akkeren

**Agenda Item:** Approval of Agenda 3/16/2021 **Presenter:** Fran

**Conclusions:**

* Motion to approve agenda
* Agenda approved

**Action Items:** N/A **Person Responsible:** N/A

**Agenda Item:** Approval of Meeting Minutes from 2/16/21 **Presenter:** Fran

**Conclusions:**

* Meeting minutes approved by committee

**Action Items:** N/A **Person Responsible:** N/A

**Agenda Item:** Ongoing Business **Presenter:** Fran

**Conclusions:**

**Action Items:** N/A **Person Responsible:** N/A

**Agenda Item:** Recycling Bin Labeling **Presenter:** Tyler

**Conclusions:**

* **Summary:**
  + Put labels on recycling bins in residential areas to tell what you can or cannot recycle - $200 total
* Completed!!

**Action Items:** N/A **Person Responsible:** N/A

**Agenda Item:** Native Trees **Presenter:** Claire

**Conclusions:**

* **Summary:**
  + Replace dying trees on campus with native tree plantings – requesting $2,250 but would appreciate anything
* Trees have been ordered, waiting for them to arrive
* Will probably do some work day, currently unscheduled and will rely on when the trees get here

**Action Items:** N/A **Person Responsible:** N/A

**Agenda Item:** Garden Rehab **Presenter:** Claire

**Conclusions:**

* **Summary:**
  + Make improvements to the UIS Community Garden and greenhouse to increase ventilation and drainage - $2200 but loose budget
* Drain tile put in under greenhouse, water will no longer accumulate in back
* Construction will continue in the next few months
* Grounds put in path in garden!
* Looking into sign to put in front of garden

**Action Items:** N/A **Person Responsible:** N/A

**Agenda Item:** TRAC Water Bottle Station **Presenter:** Fran

**Conclusions:**

* **Summary:**
  + Upstairs water bottle filling station in TRAC
* Asking Jay for progress, but progress is being made!

**Action Items:** N/A **Person Responsible:** N/A

**Agenda Item:** Rainwater Capture **Presenter:** Claire

**Conclusions:**

* **Summary:**
  + Construction of small hang-out pavilion near Community Garden with gutter-connected rain barrel - around $500
* In process of ordering materials, currently in the works with Grounds and Facilities

**Action Items:** N/A **Person Responsible:** N/A

**Agenda Item:** Kayak Rack **Presenter:** Fran

**Conclusions:**

* **Summary:**
  + Storage rack for canoes/kayaks at the Lake Field Station – rough estimate of $934
* Weather permitting, will continue construction in the next few weeks
* Footing is done! May be done in a week or so.

**Action Items:** N/A **Person Responsible:** N/A

**Agenda Item:** Indigenous Gardens **Presenter:** Tyler

**Conclusions:**

* **Summary:**
  + Garden centered around plants that were significant to native tribes in the area – around $862.50
* Speaking with UIUC Garden centers
* Location: within community garden south of campus

**Action Items:** N/A **Person Responsible:** N/A

**Agenda Item:** Library Green Items **Presenter:** Fran

**Conclusions:**

* **Summary:**
  + Provide green items available for rent at BRK Library of Things – around $372
* Items being ordered and labelled
* Fran waiting to hear back from Evan at BRK on progress

**Action Items:** Contact about smaller ID **Person Responsible:** Fran

**Agenda Item:** Pollinator Garden Kiosk **Presenter:** Claire

**Conclusions:**

* **Summary:**
  + Install signs around campus to give information about native plants and sustainability efforts, Utilize QR codes to give specific info about plants
  + Estimated $1,288 with 20 small signs and one large kiosk
* Couple of final steps that need cleared – ordered soon!
* Design is being completed currently
* Talking with grounds about kiosk design once signs are completed

**Action Items:** N/A **Person Responsible:** N/A

**Agenda Item:** Sunflower Patch **Presenter:** Claire

**Conclusions:**

* **Summary:**
  + Create sunflower patch on campus - $1.50-$2.50 per packet of seeds
* Estimated late April-early May after frost-free date
* Garden work day? Grounds will prepare location

**Action Items:** N/A **Person Responsible:** N/A

**Agenda Item:** Bird-Friendly Campus **Presenter:** Claire

**Conclusions:**

* **Summary:**
  + Install patterns/curtains on windows around campus to decrease amount of collisions from wild birds - $300-500 (early estimate, depends on number of windows modified)
* Still being worked on, will probably happen next fall

**Action Items:** N/A **Person Responsible:** N/A

**Agenda Item:** T-Shirts **Presenter:** Fran

**Conclusions:**

* Have been ordered, will let us know when they come in
* Fran will distribute

**Action Items:** N/A **Person Responsible:** N/A

**Agenda Item:** New Business **Presenter:** Fran

**Conclusions:**

* Earth Week Poster – looks great!
* GFC Picnic? Interested in seeing each other face-to-face May 26?
  + Talk to Elise Robinson, Conference Services to reserve Field Station

**Action Items:** N/A **Person Responsible:** N/A

**Agenda Item:** Announcements **Presenter:** Fran

**Conclusions:**

* Garden Work Days coming up! – Register on UIS Connection
  + April 22, 2021 – 4pm-6pm
  + April 29, 2021 – 4pm-6pm

**Action Items:** N/A **Person Responsible:** N/A