**GFC MINUTES**

**Date: May 11, 2021**

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

**Location: Zoom**

**Chair(s):** Francesca Butler, Sarahi Porcayo **Present:** Claire Eaton, Tyler Pasley, Megan Styles, Elizabeth Bretscher, Joshua Melnick, Junfeng Wang, Anna Schoenherr, Francesca Butler, Salome Wartman, Louisa Van Akkeren, Jennifer Davis

**Secretary:** Ellie Bretscher **Absent:** Chuck Coderko, Christina Ryan, Dathan Powell, Brian Beckerman, Gless Meehan, Sarahi Porcayo, Steven Simpson-Black

**Agenda Item:** Approval of Agenda 5/11/2021 **Presenter:** Fran

**Conclusions:**

* Motion to approve agenda
* Agenda approved

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

**Agenda Item:** Approval of Meeting Minutes from 4/13/21 **Presenter:** Fran

**Conclusions:**

* Meeting minutes approved by committee

**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 in ordering phase, need to check with grounds if they are 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
* Waiting on updates from Grounds
* Did drain tile, no new updates

**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
* No progress from last meeting, project still in motion

**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
* Progress being made – most likely summer project

**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
* Kayak rack is in!! No boats on it yet, but soon

**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
* Bed designated in community garden
* Plants not ordered, figuring out when would be best (maybe early summer?)
* We have our sign!!

**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
* Evan Barber says green items are in – being processed and labelled
* Will be available for check out late summer or early fall

**Action Items:** n/a **Person Responsible:** n/a

**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
* Stalled on kiosk portion – over the summer into next year
* Signs ordered and have arrived

**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
* Last we heard, still having it at Kiwanis Stadium
* Planting day happening in coordination with grounds – TBD on dates

**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)
* Researching! Next year project

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

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

**Conclusions:**

* Orders are in! Pick up tshirt from Fran, message her to discuss times

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

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

**Conclusions:**

* Reapplying – require members to reapply, current members have priority
  + Look out for info in the Fall!
  + Fran has emailed potential new members
  + Leadership positions – be thinking about how

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

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

**Conclusions:**

* Garden Work Days coming up! – Register on UIS Connection
  + Tuesdays in the Summer
* **Congratulations to our graduates! Proud of you!**

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