

KAWO Executive Committee Minutes of October 20, 2021.

Present: Alysia Babcock, Jason Ballew, Ruth Caputo, Jessie Davis, Quyen Edwards, Ann Fraser, Ilse Gebhard, Mike Klug, Kathy McGoff, Noel Ocen-Gorgone, Paul Olexia, Kim Patrie, Margo Rebar, David Riggs

- 1) Jessie called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.
- 2) We approved the minutes of September 15, 2021.
- 3) We approved the Treasurer's report. The current balance is \$17,040, up about \$5000 over the beginning of this year.
- 4) New Business

Margo presented her draft budget for next year, which assumes for the purpose of the draft that we will have a plant sale with financial results much like this year.

Membership expenses might include \$250 for something special for members only. We tabled the discussion of this idea, but accepted the \$250 estimate for the budget.

The Outreach budget was changed to \$1000 at Noel's request. The Publication budget includes everything that is printed and was changed to \$1600 at Kim's request. The Gifting line has room for funding for a bench at Glenn Park. The Hospitality budget was increased to \$300.

We agreed to postpone approval of the budget. Margo agreed to also draw up a budget assuming that we do not have a plant sale.

We agreed to support providing a bench at Glen Park, a small park in the Oakwood/Winchell neighborhood of Kalamazoo. Tom and Community Projects have been working on a plan to remove invasives, plant natives and make a walking trail through the park. Although there will be a line in the budget for the bench, we may also be able to raise funds for it via a separate fund raising effort.

5) Old Business

Ann consolidated a great deal of information about the plant sale Paypal charges with assistance of people who ran the sale. She sent a detailed invoice to Pay Pal, whereupon they released \$6958. \$175 remains on hold, and they still are not allowing us to start selling again. Many expressed their gratitude for her efforts to resolve this issue.

We voted to acknowledge Jessie's report of the online voting concerning Plant Sale options.

Ann, Noel, Kim, Kathy, and Jason are willing to work on a plant sale, and they agreed to discuss and to report back to the Committee at the next meeting.

6) Committee Reports.

Margo, Ann, Noel, and Jason agreed to run again for their present positions. Jessie and David decline to run again.

7) General Announcements

Elections will be held in November for the 2022 Officer and At-Large positions, please alert Kathy of your interest.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.

>>> Next Meeting: Wednesday November 17, 2021; 7 PM; Zoom Meeting

Submitted by David Riggs, Secretary