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| FOG Board Meeting |

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| June 1, 2021 |
| 7pm |
| Via Zoom |

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| Meeting called by: | Monthly | Type of meeting: EExecu | Board meeting |
| Facilitator: | Janet McLean | Note taker: JaneMMcL | Jessica Huber |
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| Attendees: | Diane Bell, Brett Zawadiuk, Katherine Irwin, Debra Meakins, Janet McLean, Melanie Kruger, Ieuan Evans, Nicole Stratton, Kerry Mulholland, Zahra Merali, Shaffina Mohamed |
| Absent: | Carl Charest, Debra Meakins |
| Guests: |  |

## Minutes

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| **Topic** | **Presenter** |
| 1. **Welcome & Adoption of current agenda**
 | **Janet** |
| * Katherine motioned to accept May’s meeting minutes and Diane 2nd. Shaffine motioned to accept agenda, Brett 2nd.
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| 1. **Administrative Update**
 | **Jessica** |
| * Society renewal will be sent off at the end of the week
* Only 2 renewals in May, not sending renewals this year so there is a noticeable decrease in membership renewals.
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| 1. **Luminaria Update**
 | **Janet**  |
| * EPCOR turned down the Garden’s grant application, another one has been submitted to another organization for about $5000.
* Still have a Luminaria planning committee, not giving up on finding funds.
* It will be going on for 40 nights this upcoming year, should FOG have a presence every night, or just some “friend weekends”, new years, Christmas eve.
* 50/50 sales for funding at Luminaria, costume contest, workshops, themed nights, silent auction
* Bank grant applications, organizations offering grants outside of Edmonton
* Shaffina offered to reach out to a business she recently dealt with, she will attend the next Luminaria planning committee meeting to further discuss
* Shaffina also mentioned we should first determine what we have to offer businesses before reaching out to request sponsorship, etc.
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| 1. **Plant Sale Update**
 | **Janet**  |
| * 245 orders made
* 2414 plant were sold
* $15,462 was made in revenue
* The plant sale isn’t moving forward anymore and will come back next year for an in person sale.
* Ben is doing a cost analysis to decide what the plant sale will look like next year.
* There is about $2000 of plant material left so the Garden is going to give it away
* Melanie suggested the Edmonton Food Bank garden, if not the Garden will just give away the left over plants for free to attendees.
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| 1. **Garden Report**
 | **Carl** |
| * Partake restaurant in Edmonton will be putting together the picnic baskets this year rather than the Garden staff.
* Picnics have had an increase in capacity, the liquor licence allows people to set up and drink wherever in the Garden, allowing people to spread out around the Garden. Evenings will be open to anyone who wants to visit, not just those having a picnic. Some evenings will have Garden games and live music. As restrictions lift more activities can be planned.
* The patio café is now open and the Garden is building a roster of local food artisans that can be featured in the café so it’s always something new and local.
* Brunches are going into June and have been successful so far
* The Gardens relaunch strategy, not moving quickly for the safety of staff and guests.
* May attendance is on target,
* The Garden will find out this month if they were successful in all the grants they’ve applied for.
* Microweddings are being offered for 5-10 people, being slotted in wherever there is an opening.
* Membership committee will start in July
* Group picnic sales being offered for companies (blue cross, ama, Acheson business association, etc)
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**Finance:** May’s finances were reviewed.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, July 6th, 2021 at 7pm, via ZOOM.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8pm by Brett.**