

**Hansberry Garden and Nature Center
Special Board Meeting
Minutes
December 17, 2017**

Present: Claudia Ginanni, Vicki Mehl, Leonard Jones, Dennis Barnebey, Chris Mendel, Becky Mendel

Single agenda item: Transition of HGNC Leadership

Leonard formally announced he would be giving up the presidency of HGNC. The Board reluctantly accepted his resignation.

Following a robust discussion of next steps regarding HGNC's leadership, it was decided:

Claudia and Vicki would co-chair for the remainder of Leonard's term (through 2018).

Leonard would draft a list of the president's duties as he saw them to clarify what the position entails.

The new co-chairs would meet to discuss the President's duties and divide up the tasks for the near future. A primary goal of this discussion was to begin determining difficulties of the position and how to simplify the president's role. 2018 would be dedicated to expanding the Board, recruiting new members and building a base for new leadership.

New Board members should be asked to serve with specific duties assigned to help delegate responsibilities away from the role of President.

Financial report was given by Leonard from the Quickbooks on-line account due to Keisa's absence.

Meeting was adjourned with sincere and unanimous thanks for Leonard's hard work and dedication shepherding HGNC into a new era of development and a healthy future.