STU Annual Meeting June, 2024

Treasurer Report

STU has one operating (checking) account through Chase Bank and one investment account with Vanguard. The investment account consists of the general account and the scholarship account combined.

Income

In 2023, STU held Herb Fair with gross income of \$15,980. The net profit from Herb Fair was \$9,997.

In 2024, STU held Herb Day with gross income of \$10,359. The approximate net profit from the marketplace is \$3,500 and is allocated to the scholarship fund. Herb Day meeting approximate net income is \$1,700. There are expenses pending to be paid. Gross income was \$11,259

Expense

- A donation, as previously approved, of \$1,500 was sent to Houston Botanic Gardens.
- Cherie Flores meeting reservations are in process for the 2024-25 year.
- STU renewal insurance will be due in July. In 2023, the cost was \$949. It is expected to increase a nominal amount for 2024-25.
- Membership shows two expenses this year- a PA system and aprons.
- Newsletter expenses are pending.
- Storage unit cost had a small increase in 2024. STU storage unit is paid through the end of 2024.
- The Herbarist ad has been approved and submitted for a full page add at \$350 to be paid.
- New software may be needed for the newsletter. This is being researched.

Scholarship – The 2023 scholarships were sent to two students for the 2023 year. \$1000 each. Namrai Jaishi from Tarleton State University and Gustavo Ledesma from West Texas A & M University were the recipients of the 2023 scholarships.

Garden Fund/ General Fund

STU no longer has a Garden Fund account. Any donations to garden organizations are paid from the operating account. The 2023 donation to Houston Botanical Garden for a \$1,500 at the Cultivar level membership.

Chase Bank @ 5/31/2024 \$20,545.

Vanguard @ 3/31/2024 <u>\$126,099</u> Total \$146,554