

BEN FRANKLIN COMMUNITY GARDEN MINUTES OF GARDEN OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: February 15, 2017

Location: OBCDC

Chair Jennifer Terry opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Present:

Committee members – Jennifer Terry, Mark Tapajna, Mary Ellen Stasek, John Jenkins, Ken Keckler, Dave Kuebler, Laura Stahl, Lisa Young

Staff – Greg Noeth

Absent: Elicia Polacek, Joe Jerdonek, Steve Saas

Minutes:

John moved to approve the minutes of the January meeting, Ken seconded. Minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report:

██████████ total. Dave moved to accept; Ken seconded. Approved.

Sub-Committee Reports

Garden Coordinator:

Committee members were pleased to hear from Greg that Steve is making good progress with his recovery.

Work is progressing on the tool wall which needs to be done while Garden is closed. A number of hours have gone into the project.

There was a brief discussion of designating some fundraiser profits for hours and matters of increasing hours, rate and workers' compensation issues.

The Extension Service was contacted regarding the tilling list.

Projects Committee:

Mark reported that he and Dave will look at tool relabeling and inventory when weather breaks. New compost bins will eventually hold greens, built-up compost, leaves. A gate is suggested to control access to compost.

There were approximately 3,517 volunteer hours for 2016. Having a new volunteer hour log book was discussed with the Chair. Another proposal is the organizing of garden plots into sections with a volunteer "monitor" for each section.

Old Business:

The deposit for the fundraiser on May 6th was made to the Sachsenheim Hall.

2016 gardener Pryor was inadvertently omitted from the list of those not invited to return as voted at the January 18th meeting. The Chair requested that the committee vote. Mary Ellen moved, Mark seconded, and the committee voted to include Pryor with the other non-invitees.

New Business:

Fundraiser donor solicitation letters and flyers were distributed. Tickets will arrive on the 22nd. We will not advertise in the *Old Brooklyn News* as a business-card-size ad runs \$250 but it will listed in the events calendar. Other media outlets were discussed. Mary Ellen will start a Facebook page.

The Summer Sprouts program kickoff will be April 1st. One person may attend and seeds will be pre-packed.

The kickoff meeting is booked at the Brooklyn Senior Center for May 3rd. We are checking on a resident discount for the fee.

Applications will go out the last week of February. Information about compost and rule changes about Sevin and weed block materials will be included, as well as a request for donations of prizes and bakery for the fundraiser and updated information on the volunteer program sheet.

There was discussion about timing of the July ice cream social and the school's parking lot renovation.

Volunteer opportunities. We will be trying to do some revamping of listing opportunities and tracking time.

Members reported and discussed neighborhood security, police patrols, and crime from a circulated petition and a public meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Next meeting will be March 15, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Stasek
Secretary