

**BEN FRANKLIN COMMUNITY GARDEN
MINUTES OF GARDEN OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING**

Date: October 18, 2017

Location: OBCDC

Call to Order: Chair Jennifer Terry opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

In attendance:

Committee members – Jennifer Terry, Mark Tapajna, Mary Ellen Stasek, Elicia Polacek, John Jenkins, Joe Jerdonek, Ken Keckler, Dave Kuebler, Laura Stahl, Lisa Young, Steve Morris, Mike Rompala

Staff – Greg Noeth

Minutes:

John moved to approve the minutes of the September meeting and Laura seconded. Minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurers Report:

██████████ balance. Elicia reviewed figures from the Clambake. There was a profit of \$830. Dave moved to accept; John seconded. Approved.

Garden Coordinator:

Greg reported that our hunger center donation for the season stands at 5800 pounds.

Sub-Committee Reports

Finance Committee:

There was \$227 profit from beverage (pop) sales.

Projects Committee:

Mark has fishing line and electrical ties for deer-detering apparatus. Wood for compost bins due first week of Nov.

Governance Committee:

Joe is working on organization of the Dropbox document archive.

Communications:

No report.

Old Business:

The 9/23/17 Clambake was briefly discussed and was judged by all a success, especially as a first-time endeavor.

The Garden closed on 10/14/17. There were 50-60 volunteers to help with closing tasks. \$160 was donated in lieu of volunteer hours.

Our 2018 application was acknowledged by Summer Sprout.

New Business:

OBCDC inquired about a raffle basket donation for the 11/3 fundraiser. John moved in favor; Joe seconded. Donation was approved.

The matter of gardeners who did not contribute volunteer hours was addressed. Following a brief discussion it was the consensus that Joe would draft a reminder letter indicating that a donation could fulfill the requirement.

The list of abandoned gardens was presented. Following discussion of each circumstance, John made a motion for gardeners ██████████

██████████ to be excluded from next year's returning application list. Steve seconded. Approved. Ken moved that gardeners ██████████ be limited to a single plot and Joe seconded the motion. Approved. Steve mentioned that M.A.D. donors could support up to 20 plots next season.

Members were reminded to tally volunteer hours.

Election of officers was conducted: President–Jennifer; Vice-President–Ken; Secretary–Mary Ellen; Treasurer–Elicia.

Jennifer asked that, as she is making assignments, everyone consider what committee duties they would prefer.

Heartfelt thanks were extended to outgoing committee member Mark for his many years of service and dedication to the operation of the Garden.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Stasek
Secretary