

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

Date: December 19, 2018

Location: OBCDC Office

Call to Order: Chair Jennifer Terry called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m.

In attendance:

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

Staff – Greg Noeth

Guest – Amber Jones, OBCDC Community Health Coordinator

Minutes:

Dave moved to approve the November meeting minutes; Ken seconded. Minutes were approved by Committee vote.

Treasurers Report:

██████████ is the reported balance with some deposits lacking. Further consideration of the report was tabled.

Special discussion with Amber Jones:

Proposal for survey of community residents with assistance from Baldwin Wallace students in a public health class. Would be a marketing research tool for Garden.

Sub-Committee Reports

Garden Coordinator:

Groundcover is sprouting. Two-thirds of leaves collected. Despite bee enclosure Canadian hive is dead.

Finance Committee:

No report.

Projects Committee:

No report.

Governance:

Will try to conduct any necessary business via email.

Communications:

Brief tribute to BFCG in Ward 13 Councilman Kevin Kelley's Winter 2018 newsletter, *The Neighborhood Press*.

Old Business:

A. Jennifer distributed sub-committee assignments.

New Business:

A. Rustbelt Riders meeting January 15th.

B. Brooklyn Senior Center booked for Kick-off meeting May 7th.

C. Sachsenheim Hall booked for earlier date, April 6th, for fundraiser.

D. ioby Cleveland holding Fundraising/Crowdsourcing Info Night January 30th at Rhodes HS.

E. KeyBank Foundation community grant. Brief discussion of applications for tractor upgrade, e.g., Case IH \$23K.

F. The list of abandoned gardens was distributed. Following brief discussion, Steve made a motion for gardeners [REDACTED] to be excluded from the 2019 returning application list. Elicia seconded. Approved by committee vote.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Next meeting Wed., Jan. 16, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the OBCDC office.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Stasek