

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

Date: January 16, 2019

Location: OBCDC Office

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

In attendance:

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

Absent: Elicia Polacek, Steve Morris

Staff – Greg Noeth

Guest – Kim Johnson

Minutes:

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

Treasurers Report:

██████████ is the reported balance. Further consideration of the report was again tabled for lack of information.

Sub-Committee Reports

Garden Coordinator:

Tampa-side leaves were finished.

Rev. Wilds has been moved out of town for more assistance with his care.

Governance:

Joe presented proposed Rules for 2019. There was a brief discussion of making appropriate footwear for safety a requirement. Mary Ellen moved to accept the Rules as submitted. Ken seconded. Rules were approved by committee vote.

Finance Committee:

Fundraiser. Lisa distributed the vendor/donor list and requested updates and any preferred contacts. Joe volunteered to prepare a flyer. After discussion, the consensus was to change the event hours to 5:30 to 9:00 p.m., a 30-minute earlier start. Greg will get tickets.

Communications:

No report.

Old Business:

A. Jennifer and Greg met with Rust Belt Riders. Jennifer distributed a copy of the email summary received from RBR. We may have RBR talk about soil health at a Saturday coffee. They plan to do some soil testing.

B. Jennifer reported on a conference call with OBCDC's Amber Jones and several Committee members to finalize questions for the gardening survey that will be conducted in the community by students.

C. Discussion about an ad for fundraiser in the *OBN*. John moved to allocate \$325 for a quarter-page ad. Ken seconded. Motion was approved by committee vote.

New Business:

A. Proposed lotto fundraiser. Guest Kim explained the rules and mechanics of sales. Discussion of rule details followed. There was consensus to proceed.

B. Donation of seeds and other seed-starting items from Lowe's Strongsville. Jennifer proposed an early seed-pickup event for 2/16. Gardeners would get seeds that need an early start in good time, would pick up applications, would become engaged with the Garden earlier.

C. Both colonies of bees have died. Honey was harvested; there are 80 bottles. It will be available for sale at Metropolitan coffee and later at Old Brooklyn Greenhouse.

D. Reminder that ioby Cleveland Fundraising/Crowdsourcing Info Night is 1/30 at Rhodes HS.

E. 2018 accomplishments were reviewed.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Next meeting Wed., Feb. 20, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the OBCDC office.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Stasek