1. FINANCES
   a) Submitted application for Neighborhood Connections Grant for the garden. Grant of $4000 was awarded.
   b) Key Bank awarded $500 gift as a Community Leadership Grant.
   c) Individual donations and other fund-raising activities (e. g. 50/50 Raffle) have netted approx. $770 for this year.
   d) A Memorial Fund has been established for the garden. This fund currently has a balance of $200. As a restricted account, it cannot be used for operating expenses.
   e) The OPERATING FUND has a balance of about $2200, of which approximately $900 are encumbered.

2. ACCOMPLISHMENTS
   a) Purchase of a steel storage container, placement on site and painting of same. This was funded with Grant money.
   b) Removal of weeds from east side fence line and planting of 2800 sq.ft. of grass along the fence.
   c) Planting of three 5-in-1 fruit trees.
   d) Painting of the outside of white picket fence around student garden.
   e) Installation of scissor gates in storage building to allow access to rest rooms. Purchased gates with 2008 Grant funds.
   f) Brush mowing and fall furrow plowing of the garden was done in 2008 and is planned for fall 2009.
   g) Removal of debris from an old compost site and planting of 380 sq.ft. of grass in the same location.
   h) Purchase of new equipment:
      - New lawn mower, tool set, four folding tables, steel storage container.
      - Vegetable seeds
      - Cleveland Landmark Plaque for garden
      Above funded from a combination of Grant and committee-raised monies.

3. GARDEN COMMITTEE SUPPORTED/FUNDED EVENTS
   a) Ice Cream Social
   b) Harvest Picnic
   c) Garden Class - for new gardeners
   d) Cuyahoga County Fair - Community Garden Entry (blue ribbon)
   e) Cleveland Urban Harvest Garden Tour - Ben Franklin garden was chosen as the starting point, with Cleveland Mayor F rank Jackson as one of the dignitaries present.
   f) All Access Home And Bicycle Tour - provided refreshments - garden grown zucchini were baked into breads and cookies.
   g) Conducted tours for mayor of Rocky River, who was impressed, and a committee from Neighborhood Connections, who were pleased to see how we spent the Grant funds they awarded.
   h) Provided community service projects at the garden for volunteers from various entities, e. g. Boy Scouts, Baldwin Wallace College Students, City Year Organization, etc.
   i) Last season, our gardeners donated 6000 pounds of produce. This year, the donations continue; to date we have 1500 pounds.

Respectfully submitted,
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