

Manhattan Community Garden
Board Minutes

February 4, 2009
5:45 p.m.

Call to Order: President Susan Peterson called the meeting to order. Members present: Lynda Bachelor, Susan Peterson, Jennifer Guilford, Susan Oviatt, Chuck Marr, Bruce McCallum and Linda Teener. There were no items added to the agenda.

Secretary's Report: No additions or corrections were made to the January minutes. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Teener presented the Treasurer's report. Total income is \$5155.84; expenses were \$553.74. Linda has added line items for 2008, 2009 and 2010 plot rental and deposits, because of Fall garden signups.

Announcements: There was no new correspondence or announcements.

Committee Reports:

Equipment: Chuck will look at equipment and evaluate. Locks need to be changed. Linda will look for keys.

Grounds, Maintenance and Tilling: Tilling committee needs list of plots needed to be tilled.

Flower Bed Maintenance: No report; will delete Lynda from this committee. Flower bed could be put on monthly work day schedule.

Rules and Safety: Susan Peterson presented Kellan's report. He outlined plots that need assistance. Adequately Cleaned Unassigned Gardens: North 50; East 7, 8, 11, 14, & 15; and Main 51, 58, & 61. Marginally Cleaned Unassigned Gardens: North 45 & 48; Main 67, 78, & 86. Unassigned Gardens Requiring Work: North 51; East 23. Assigned Gardens Requiring Work: North 24, 44, & 46; East 2, 5, & 24; Main 37. The board assumed that most plots that are assigned will be worked so they can be planted this Spring. After discussion it was decided that Peterson would contact previous owner of N 51 to clean off as they have transferred to another area of the garden. E2 was tabled until the March meeting.

Compost and Mulch: Jenny will look at ordering additional compost as needed.

Education and Newsletter: **Records:** Chuck would like to start the electronic newsletter the first Friday in March. Chuck will need e-mail addresses of returning and new gardeners. Jean Squires is anticipating that the February newsletter will be out in the next week.

Garden Social & Crop Walk: Linda will need copies of Garden Social sign-ups.

Old Business:

1) Plant a Row for the Hungry: Susan contacted Natasha Phillips from Flint Hills Breadbasket. They would be happy to pick up produce on a weekday basis. They would need to be contacted with a start date. Chuck Marr will purchase and prepare buckets for gardeners to leave produce.

2) Garden Mentoring Program: No report; Patty Zehl was going to contact to see if Bread Basket was interested in the program. Newsletter will have article to see if there is interest of gardeners.

3) Walnut tree: Tree and stump in north garden has been removed. Peterson will contact Howie's about removing debris and leveling area for plots.

4) Repair of leaky faucet. Peterson has contacted Custom Lawn and Landscape. They have committed to having the leaky faucet in the north area fixed by the end of February.

New Business

1) Garden Show: UFM will set up display for garden show at Pottorf Hall on February 28 and March 1st. Gardener's schedules were set up at sign-up time.

2) Updated Display Board. Jeanne Squires will complete.

Meeting was adjourned for New Gardener Sign-up.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4 at 5:45 p.m.

