

Manhattan Community Gardens Board Meeting

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, January 6, 2016, in the UFM fireplace room.

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM by President, Dale Hayden.

Members present

Bob Pfannensteil, Travis Kummer, Carol Barta, Patrick McLaughlin, Steve Williams, Susan Schoneweis, Gary Schwandt, Jay Guarneri, Deane Lehmann, Eli Martinson, Dale Hayden, Cheryl Arthur, and Linda Teener.

There were no minutes to approve from the December Board meeting.

Treasurer Report

Linda Teener presented the Financial Report and the Budget. See attached pages. 2015 available cash balance is \$20,195.29. The 2016 budget reflects \$2500 for purchasing equipment, e.g., mower for Riley. Board may seek possible equipment donations from the community. Linda answered questions about line items, such as, "supplies" includes, hay, compost. Mulch has previously been provided to MCG free of charge.

Committee Reports

1. Records

Jay is establishing a database of garden plots and owner information. Currently there are approximately 110 plots available.

2. Tilling

3. Public Relations

4. Equipment

5. Riley Lane

6. Collins Lane

7. Nominations

8. Newsletter

Susan is getting newsletter files from Jen and intends to publish in March, June, and September/October.

9. Correspondence

10. Compost/Mulch/Hay

Old Business

1. Pesticide incident report: have not heard anything from Chuck Marr or J. David Mattox.
2. Dale will ask Chuck if he is willing to do the weekly garden newsletter.

New Business

1. Registration for new gardeners will be held January 28th at Pottorf Hall and February 16th at UFM. Board members were asked to encourage gardeners to sign up for plots at these events and not on drop-by basis at UFM. Discussion included suggestions to allow registration at the fall picnic and cost breaks for registering at signup events.
2. A letter from Ron Janasek was presented to the Board regarding correcting the fence line for plots 35 and 36. Another gardener's garlic has encroached on these plots. Jay Guarneri proposed and Gary Schwandt seconded the following motion: The Janasek group owning plots 35 and 36 will be offered refunds for half plots of both 35 and 36. When the garlic is harvested in the fall of 2016, plots 35 and 36 will be re-squared to their proper boundaries. The motion carried.

Next month's meeting Agenda Suggestions

1. Board signup for work days
2. Social-potluck attendance by non-workers

Respectfully submitted by
Cheryl Arthur, Secretary