

Manhattan Community Gardens Board Meeting

May 3, 2016

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held on May 3, 2016, in the UFM Fireplace Room. The meeting was called to order by President Dale Hayden. The minutes from the April 6th were approved as corrected. Treasurer's Report: see attached. Linda reported that we have spent approximately 17% of the MCG budget, \$1621.

Board Members Present: Dale Hayden, Cheryl Arthur, Jay Guarneri, Deane Lehman, Susan Schoneweis, Gary Schwandt, Travis Kummer, Linda Teener, Eli Martinson, Carol Barta.

Committee Reports

- A. Records 9 plots remain: 4 at Collins, 5 at Riley
- B. Tilling no report
- C. Public Relations nothing to report
- D. Equipment no repair tags on any equipment
- E. Riley Riley County has sprayed for weeds on Howe's side. Travis will watch garden plants for damage.
- F. Collins Dale will call J. David for the name of the insurance company, regarding Britt's incident. Getting ready to send letters. The "friendly" letter is the 1st violation letter. Deane and Jay will work on wording in Garden's rules to clarify this. The Unruhs are moving and have "given" their plots to somebody else. This practice violates Garden policy and will be monitored.
- G. Nominations A couple of names were offered for Patrick McLaughlin's replacement on the Board. Board members will talk with possible candidates.
- H. Newsletter Next newsletters will be June/July and August/September.
- I. Correspondence Nothing to report.
- J. Compost Gary to call to get prairie hay, 2 at Riley, 1 at Collins.
- K. Socials Richard Smith, owner of Longhorns Steakhouse, would like to donate and cook hamburgers for June Social and Annual Meeting. The May 7th Potluck is at Riley.

Old Business

- A. Trees in Riley plots. In plot 106, the tree was removed and stump killer, Tordon, was put down.
- B. Dennis Peterson was contacted about putting in the windbreak. He did not think we needed a windbreak, but said he would bring it to committee. It may require a change in our lease.
- C. Covered above
- D. Violation forms need phone numbers of contacts

New Business

- A. Work day
- B. Plot #103 called accusing someone of killing her grapevines. Two are almost dead. Looks like winter kill. Will continue to monitor.

C. Unused plots. What to do? Board will plant cover crop/sweet potatoes and monitor plots to determine growing ability.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Arthur, Secretary