

## Manhattan Community Gardens Board Meeting

April 2, 2008

Those present: Linda Teener, Susan Peterson, Pamela Been-Redeker, Chuck Marr, Patty Zehl, Bruce McCallum, Jenny Guilford and Brad Debey

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM.
2. Treasurer's Report: Linda Teener---The income of approximately \$800. from New Gardener sign-up has not been added. The Crop Walk budget is \$867.00. Money has been spent on newsletters, printing, and \$400.00 for hay.
3. Committee Reports

### A. Equipment Maintenance

We have been unable to reach Stoner Smith. Brad will contact Al Schmaderer or Bob Brown. The small tiller has bent wheels. The big tiller is broken, and it has only one working wheel. Lawn mowers also need to be checked. One of the wheelbarrows has a flat tire.

We will send out and email to all Equipment Maintenance Committee members (Bob Bunyan, Monte Johnson, Joe Mainey, Larry and Donna O'Neal, and Gary Naughton) requesting help with equipment.

We also need hoses for the new spigots. In the past, we have gotten them donated from Parker Hannefin out on Hayes Drive.

### B. Tilling

Bruce reported that he only has 4 more plots left to till.

### C. Flower Bed maintenance

Pamela reported that the North bed has been marked and cleaned. Committee members are working on their plots.

### D. Rules: no report

### E. Compost

Jenny put up all three compost sites with the help of her committee members. She has emailed all 17 of her committee members. It will take approximately 3 weeks to layer the plant materials, kitchen scraps, and soil before they can begin to turn it. The committee needs pitchforks. See: New Business

### F. Newsletter

Articles for the next newsletter are due by the second week in April, and the newsletter should go out in late April or early May. Committee members' names will be in the newsletter. Chuck began the electronic "tips" newsletter last week. There are 62 people on the list. It worked fine. Chuck will advertise it in the newsletter, and it will continue to go out every Friday. The Garden has its own email address now:

[communitygarden@tryufm.org](mailto:communitygarden@tryufm.org)

A. Records

Susan reported that all plots are taken and there are 5 people on the waiting list.

B. Garden Social

Sandra Lobianco will chair the May Garden Social.

3. Old Business

A. Spring Clean up went well.

B. Water Lines: All lines are in except the one on the southeast, so they are going to try to install one between #51 and #57. They are going north from #66, and if they don't hit rocks, it should be completed within 2-3 weeks.

C. Howie is going to remove the remaining concrete slabs from the East Garden.

4. New Business

A. Whitmer Sisters- Should we give them tools? We agreed that we will get them some tools that they can keep in their plots. We will paint those tools a fluorescent color so that they will be easily identified.

B. New Tool Purchase

We discussed writing a grant for new tools, and the need to inventory the tools that we do have, so that we know what is needed. In addition to 5 pitchforks, we need hoes. Jenny and Chuck suggested the company, "Prohoe," which makes quality tools. Brad is going to have someone inventory the tools, as well as the mowers and tillers. He will paint the handles of our tools a fluorescent color to have them easily identified if left in gardeners' plots. We decided to wait on purchasing anything except the 5 pitchforks right now.

C. Plot Use and Limits

AMMENDMENT to RULES: From this meeting forward, we will limit the number of plots to 4. Gardeners who already have more than four plots WILL be able to keep their plots.

PLOT TRANSFER: A plot cannot be transferred to another gardener without said gardener going through the Registration Process. We discussed lots of ways to get commitments from returning gardeners so that we know how many plots are available for new gardeners, such as requiring that they be signed up before the new gardeners' sign up, offering more times, dates, etc, but no decision was reached. This issue was tabled until next month.

GARDENING for PROFIT?: We agreed to add a line to the signature page on the application to include growing food for consumption or charity, not for profit. No action was taken in terms of amending the rules.

Next Meeting: May 7, 2008 at 5:45 PM