

Menomonie Community Gardens
3001 Hwy 12/29 Suite 102 Menomonie, WI

MISSION STATEMENT

Menomonie Community Gardens' purpose is to create a place of sustainable agriculture, horticulture education and community. Our goal is to contribute to a legacy of stewardship for generations to come through leading by example.

Attending: Barry & Jeanette B., Leda F., Charlotte H., Monika H., Steve H., Cindy & Jerry H., Ruth M., Willie M., Scott & Carrie R., Mary & Charles S., Kathy W., Judy Z., Mary L..

Motion to approve September minutes approved: 1. Kathy, 2. Steve

Announcement

- Mary brought apples from our trees for tasting. Just a reminder that the apples are not for everyone to just take. Please, leave them for meeting when we can all share. Thanks!
- Invasive Species- report?
 - Judy - They are going to do a flyover so that they can see where the cork trees are. They can tell by the color of the leaves where the trees are and then they can deal with them.
- Monarch Way Station
 - Helen – Judy found 3 caterpillars. Helen was able to save them. She later released them and saw them heading south.
 - Helen, Judy and friends helped 23 butterflies this year.
 - We did great at the garden with the swallowtails. They love fennel.
 - Goal is to put up a butterfly house next year.

Old Business

1. Applications for 2019

- Mary discussed and overview of how lots are rented. No changes have been made. Lots will be rented the same as previous years. Applications will be sent out by email to 2018 gardeners in mid January, posted on the web site at the same time and sent by mail to 2 people without email a week prior.
- Amending soil in the fall.
- Discussion on when to when to open plot.
- Motion to change cutoff date April 1st for past gardeners to return to previous year plot. 1. Scott 2. Jerry
- Staking will be about the middle of April. A lot depends on the weather.
- Mary will update application to reflect new dates
- Tilling will be in fall. This means that you might have more weeding in early spring. If you want it tilled again you can check with other gardens to borrow a tiller or rent one. We are just trying the fall tilling to see if it helps with the gopher problem.

2. President Position Open –

- Mary has been doing it for 6 years. She would like someone to take over the position. After much discussion Mary agreed to take it another year. She will work closely with VP Judy during the next year.

3. Garden clean up and tilling

- More roofing material to cover no till plots to make them weed free.
- No planting garlic until spring.

New Business

Treasurer Report – The balance currently is \$1,206.91

- The water bill for June to Aug is \$394.99 (verbal report just received -have not seen the actual bill)
1. Anything else needed for the garden?
 - Judy – purchased one of the mole traps but she felt that the one that she got is too stiff to work.
 - Steve said that there are gopher traps in the shed.
 2. Budget for 2019 – replace cherry trees, Devin will replace the two apple trees plus the usual categories of insurance, sanitation, water, general supplies, payment for services/products etc.
 - \$266 for insurance
 - \$525 for water
 - \$330 Sanitation (for 3 months, could be 4 months if income supports an additional month)
 - \$300 for general supplies
 - \$100 for tilling
 - \$60 for spraying and replacing cherry trees
 - \$50 for picnic
 - \$100 PR projects to include – stamps, envelopes

2019 Total \$1791

- 74 plots rented for 2018. Need 60 to meet budget (60 plots). 1. Mary S. 2. Jerry
3. PR Committee
 - Jan, Feb, March at Raw Deal
 - We still have not received an application for the winter market yet.
 - Committee will start meeting again in Jan.
 4. Louis Stone – staking
 - Louis has come up with a way to measure each plot so that they are all equal in size. We will be using this method in the spring to make the plots
 5. Woody plants
 - Blueberries, grapes etc. are woody plants and cannot be planted in an individual's garden. They are considered permanent plants. Our garden is city property ; we received special permission from the city to have the fruit trees.
 6. Judy was able to talk with the community center about using the space for free. She also talked about having an informal meeting each month over the winter. We will let everyone know if we change the meeting place or meet over the winter.

Adjourned @8:04pm 1. Willy, 2. Mary L

Next Meeting 6:30 PM March 12, 2018 at Senior Center/Leisure Services at 1412 6th Street East in Menomonie

Submitted by

Cindy Hoeflein
MCG Secretary