

# Menomonie Community Gardens

## Mission Statement

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

Present: Jeanette and Barry Blodgett, David Challe, Leda Forseen, Steve Hearth, Cindy Hoeflein, John and Susan Leschke, Ruth Mikkelson, Willie Miller, Louis Stone, Dennis and Kathy Westaby, Sheyl Grant, Danielle Clarizio, Keith Gilland, Julia Chapman, David Doerr, Cynthia Casarez, Duane Lockwood, Maritza Pierson

**Agenda:** Started at 6:30pm. Mary had us do introduction and how long we have been part of the Garden.

A Call for additions to the Agenda

- Step Stones Plot
- Monarch Plot - Helen

**Orientation to the Garden** – Officers' and leaders will give an overview of their role.

1. Gardener Manager Willie
  - History of garden
  - Will be tilled again this spring.
2. Vice President and Chair of PR Committee –
  - No report – not present
3. Secretary -Minutes
  - Cindy paraphrased October minutes
  - Motion made by Willie to approve minute, Motion second by Mary, all in favor.
4. Face book and Web site – Kathy W.
  - Let Kathy know or send her pictures and she will place them on FB
  - Last year she had a friend do a drone video of the garden

## Old Business

1. Need help for Health Fair on April 3, UW Stout – Cindy and Kathy.
2. Need help for United Way Carnival April 24 – Mary and???????
3. Need help for several hours evening of May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Hill O Beans program at Coop – Mary and????? other at a table to be available to talk up the garden.
4. Location of meetings for the 2019 year.
  - a. Meet here
  - b. Several gardeners do not have email. Post minutes in shed?
    - i. Mail Louis
    - ii. Tx Mary and Chuck
    - iii. ????????
5. Judy attended Master Gardner event. March 3rd
6. CSA – Community Sponsored Ag. – Judy will attend, end of March... If you don't have a garden you can sign up and buy organic food.

## New Business

- Need Policy on when no-till gardens plots application period is and need to get staking done.
  - Table until next meeting
- Registrations/ paper and on line/ Pay Pal how it is working
  - Going great, better than expected. Over ½ of payments for this coming year was by CC
- Stepping Stones
  - When Garden was started they had a plot. Mary would like to see a plot set aside for Stepping Stones. Mary will see if middle school kids or Coop employs could help as part of community service.

**Treasurer Report** – bills from last fall, 2018 statement handout

- Starting year with carry over \$1984.90
  - Expense \$50 ad for Park and Rec paper, \$50 from Volume One, \$99.98 new wheelbarrows, \$24 stakes, \$75 trapping fees, and \$34.95 hose bib
  - Motion made by Leda, Steve second to approve expense.
  - Total water bill for year was \$444.70 a little higher than last year but we had several more garden members and a few above average high heat. Last water bill for 2018 was \$52.84
  - Income for rent/donations as a 2/18/19 \$552.16
  - Over ½ of payments made by credit card
  - Mary has updated the application by putting in a set fee for Paypal instead of a %. She has also added a Paypal button.
- Onion and Leek ordering – Steve Hearth coordinating
  - Steve will be taking orders after the meeting. They will arrive about the first of May

**On the April Agenda Items**

- a. Common Gardens – how are they managed, will be planting 2 cherry trees so need help,
- b. Staking – when will that be, Louis Stone has a very good plan to uniformly stake.
- c. Composting – new bins and how they work, barrel composter is available to another person or several people wanting to learn how to hot compost.
- d. Set Date for Picnic – why so early – so we can include that date in port-a- potty contract
- e. Do we want to look at getting a hoop house?
- f. Planning for MVG's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – committee of at least 3 to present to gardeners several options for event in 2020
- g. T-Shirts – talked about in the past – anyone interested?

Meeting adjourned @ 7:40pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday April 9<sup>th</sup>, Leisure Center, 6:30

Minutes submitted by Cindy Hoeflein  
Menomonie Community Garden Secretary