

Menomonie Community Garden
March 13, 2018 6:30 PM
Community Services Building

Attendance: Mary & Charles S., Michelle B., Jeanette & Barry B., Judy Z., Susan L., Willie M., Vickie & Tom W., Charlotte H., Steve & Kate H., Barb B., Leda, Ruth M., Cindy & Jerry H., Mary L.

Meeting opened by Mary L at 6:30pm.

Minutes from last meeting October 10, 2018

- Motion by Kate to approve October minutes
- Motion seconded by Barb
- Motion approved unanimously

Old Business:

1. Survey Report from 2017 – Mary handed out survey and discussed it
2. Compost Project – Grant Received from Rotary for \$400 for supplies to be used
 - Barrel composting and bin composting will be under the direction of Willie and Steve
 - Willy, Steve, Mary will look at the type of compost barrel to get. Will report back next meeting to give us more details.
3. Orchard trees pruning – Mary reported that it went well.
4. Pole Project – Mary
 - (2) Post will be delivered on 27th of March.
 - Exel energy will be donating them and putting on cross bars
 - We still need someone to install them.
5. Fall Clean Up – Went well with a lot of people showing up.

New Business:

Treasurer's Report – Mary

- As of 3/13/18 we have returning 6 gardeners. There have been 7 new perspective gardeners.
 - Income since 10/17 total \$858
 - Plot rent \$358
 - Excel grant \$500
 - Bills since 10/17
 - Poles \$492
 - Water \$59.68
2. Web Domain transfer to MCG was made as it has been paid (gifted) by Jake Venne-Valroth a founding member.
 - Motion made by Vicki for the Menomonie Community Garden to pay for its own domain. Cost is \$30.30 every 2 years.
 - Motion seconded Jerry.
 - Motion approved unanimously

3. Update on paying on-line. Mary will check with Farmer's to Farmer's about using their sight for paying on line.
4. Report from PR Committee
 - Judy –
 - Aprons and table clothes – Susan and Judy made aprons and card table size with our name on it. They look great!
 - Judy will continued going to Raw Deal on Saturday with information about the garden and membership.
 - Mary has tear off fliers. Please take them and share.
 - Judy put the advertisement on Craig's list.
5. Mary, Cindy, Charlotte, will help out with mentoring new members and creating a buddy system.
6. Susan --- will report on Art in the Garden at the April meeting.
 - Might do it with the Boys and Girls Club.
7. Sanitation – Mary looked into other company to review rates and services.
8. Garden Manager report – Willy
 - Moles are doing a great job.
 - Willy might be getting a tractor from JD to do the tilling.
 - Looking for a donated mower that is self-propelled and bagger. Put on FB
 - Judy knows someone that would like to help with the mowing that lives close to the garden.
6. Compost Available from Dunn County fair garden – we were offered it from Bill Manning
 - They have a lot of well composted manure from the fair grounds.
 - We would have to figure out how to get it from there to the garden.
 - It can be dumped in the southwest corner.
 - Steve will check on a front end load and truck. He will check into cost.
 - Mary asked for donations to cover the cost. Several people came forward to help with the expense.
7. Raspberry Committee – We will have some openings on the committee. Weed it, compose it and harvest it. You can harvest from the whole plot.
8. Rhubarb and asparagus is open to everyone. Watch for communications on the black board when the rhubarb and asparagus is ready.
9. Raised Beds – requests already in for all of the raised beds. 1 bed per person
10. No Till plots – 2nd rows added on north side of the garden. North end will be no end South will be tillable. Tabled until April.
11. Opening of the garden – early May
12. Mary is contacting people when they do not weed. If they have had the same problem two years in a row we will not accept their application the next year.

- Motion made by Kate. If gardeners have had a significant weed problem they will be put on probation the first year, if no major improvement the second year they will not be able (warning first year) to return third year. Mentor committee will work with them. #1 Kate,
- Motion seconded by Mary
- Motion approved unanimously

13. Tee shirts, Aprons - If anyone wants to take it on let Mary know.

14. Onion and shallots starts – Steve will be planting tomorrow 3/14/18. You can get a flat (200) at \$20 flat. Start arriving first part of May. See Steve for more information

15. LCIP meeting – Judy --- Cork trees are on the list. We are invited to the annual meeting on March 22 in the Community Room. Another issue they will be discussing is the Jumping worms. Fleet Farm will bring it to their annual meeting to make sure that they are aware of the problem.

Announcements

- MCG will be at UW Stout Health Fair – annual event – lots of other community groups – fun. Mary and Judy will be there.
- In May, we can schedule a demonstration on what to put in and how to use the barrel composter.

Adjourn Jerry motion to adjourn at 8:10, motion carried by all

Next meeting April 10th. Guest speaker on Jumping worms. Start at 6:30.