

Menomonie Community Gardens

April 10, 2018

Meeting opened at 6:30pm

Attendance – Judy Z., Mary L., Vicki W., David C., Samantha and Ben K., Michelle B., Jeanette and Barry B., Willis M., Cindy H., Lewis.

Program: **Luisa Fumagilli** from the Master Gardeners will talk about the **Invasive Jumping Worms** and what we need to do to protect them from coming into this garden. She has firsthand experience with them.

A brief discussion on how to get the message out to gardeners. Information will be put on the Gardens web site. We can do monitoring in the garden to determine if any Jumping worms present now.

Transplants from home gardens that are infested is the main concern. More discussion at following meetings

Additions to the Agenda --- None

Minutes from 3.13.18

- Motion made by Willy to approve minutes as read
- Motion carried by all

Old Business

1. Corn Stalks and Sun Flowers – Discussion; be considerate of your neighbor, inform them of where you are planting them so that they can work with their planting. If you plant corn or sun flowers you will need to work with Judy so that she has the shredder available when you need to dispose of them in the fall.
2. Still working on getting everything together for the compost from the Jail Garden. Looking for larger truck and a way to load it. Follow-up will be done through email.
3. Willy had contacted John Deer about getting a tractor for tilling. He is waiting for them to call back.
4. Because of the cold weather we can't set a date for staking in the garden. Email will be sent out when we are closer.
5. Winter Market Report – Judy has been at the winter market. No response the last couple of weeks. Notice was put in Volume One.
6. Wellness Fair Report --- Mary was there but little interest
7. Report from Steve on Shallots no report. Steve was not there
8. Willy talked about a barrel composter was on sale at Fleet Farm. Willy and Mary will check it out.
9. All raised beds (4) have been rented. 42 plots are rents plus 4 more came in tonight. 50 plots is our breakeven point.
10. Two youth groups will have plots at the garden: Big Brother, Big Sister and Imiyako Group.
11. April 15th is the last day for the returning gardeners to register and get the same plot as last year.

New Business

1. Treasurers Report-
 - a. Plot income year to date is \$1324. No expense in the last month.

2. Farmer to Farmer Meeting Report ---- Mary talked to them about paying online. We may have to change our bank to same bank as them. Mary is still working with them. Also discussed about using Paypal. We would have to create an account but the money would go straight to us.
3. May Meeting at the Community Services Building

Announcements

1. Invasive Species Report – Judy nothing more to add.
2. **In honor of Earth Day, Sustainable Dunn** is hosting a panel presentation on **Monday, April 30** showcasing the **“Growth of Sustainable Practices in Menomonie and Dunn County”**. Eight local leaders will discuss the sustainable innovations they have completed and some new ideas for the future. The panel includes Randy Eide (Menomonie Public Works Dept.), Ron Verdon (Tainter-Menomin Lake Assoc.), Eric Turner (Dunn Co. Development), Amanda Haffele (Solid Waste & Recycling), Dan Prestebak (Dunn Co. Conservation), Dolly Catlin (Dunn Co. Transit), Jody Hagman (Menomonie Chamber of Commerce), and Laura Donovan (UW Stout Sustainability). This event will be held at the **UCC (United Church of Christ) Community Room** at [420 Wilson Avenue, Menomonie](#) from **7:00 PM until 8:30 PM**. Please arrive on time. All are welcome. Coffee and Cookies will be serve

Next meeting Tuesday May 8th @ 6:30pm

Willie made motion to close the meeting at 8:00pm. All approved.