

Menomonie Community Garden

Dunn County

May 8, 2018 6:30pm

Attending: (32 present most people to attend a monthly meeting), Cindy H., Helen W., Steve H., David C., Barb B., Diane K., Kathy & Dennis W., Andrea & Jon S., Louis S., Charlotte H., Ruth M., Vickie W., Barb H., Mary L., Susan L., Jeanette & Barry B., Mary & Charles S., Janet & Jim M., Samantha & Benjamin K., David G. Bernie D., Leda F., Jen H., Amanda S., Willis M., Ron F..

Additions to agenda

1. Mary: explore options to getting ready for next spring

Motion by Ron to approval of Minutes from April 10 meeting, seconded by Chuck, approved by all

Old Business

1. Hawk Project:
 - a. Poles were delivered
 - b. Waiting for cross bar to be put on and then city will put them in.
2. Composting Program – Steve, Willie, Mary report
 - a. Steve is going to set-up compost area.
 - b. Not sure where it will be placed yet.
 - c. Mary has purchased barrels.
 - d. Looking at June for a short class on composting. It will be given by a Master Composter.
3. Sanitation – Contracted with Bjork , will start next week:
 - a. Will be there for 4 – months
 - b. Was cheaper to have it cleaned every other week
 - c. Signs will be up to discourage non-gardeners from using it.
4. Compost delivery
 - a. Steve has a friend that has a bobcat that we can use for an hourly wage
 - b. May 19th is a tentative date.
 - c. \$10 per full plot, \$5 for ½, pay Mary on the 19th
 - d. You are responsible for getting it to your plot
 - e. For more information on other places to get compost check the bulletin board.
5. Jumping Worms
 - a. Make sure that you get you plants from a commercial source. Check website for more information
6. Cork Trees
 - a. Judy – talked about the invasion of the cork tree. They grow fast and block out the sun for the other trees causing them to die back.

New Business

1. Garden Report – Willie
 - a. Garden is tilled – Fred Ochs tilled it for us. He asked for diesel money only

- b. Motion by Willie to pay Fred \$100 for gas and time. All in favor
 - c. Hope to till again in the fall, it might help with voles and moles.
 - d. Staking --- Don H. Don will email us when they have a date. Should be in the next few days. Teams of 3 seem to work best.
2. Bulletin board, plot map with names, other info
- a. Names will be added to the plot map.
 - b. Fertilizer to use, rules, minutes will be in the shed
3. Soil – results of soil tests
- a. See attachment
4. Treasurer’s Report – 66 plots rented
- a. Most plots ever rented!!!!
 - b. Income
 - i. Plot rental \$1969 + \$84 donation
 - ii. A total of \$900 in grants was received. Most of it will be used for the hawk poles.
 - c. Expense
 - i. Year to date \$355.42
 - ii. Insurance paid \$266
5. Students from St. Joe’s
- a. Teenager to help with mowing, weeding, edging
 - b. Offer plot for them to raise food for their supper
 - c. Garden members felt that they should be supervised
6. Common Gardens/ Rhubarb/ Asparagus/ Raspberries
- a. Everyone welcome to Rhubarb – leave rhubarb leafs in row to help with the weeds
 - b. Everyone welcome to Asparagus – cut or snap at ground
 - c. Raspberries are done by community. We have summer and fall bearing. Still have opening on committee. Contact Mary if interested. Raspberry patch may be opened up to everyone in the fall
 - d. Fruit trees – just a few in the fall. Will be shared at the meetings.
 - e. Bee hives – 5 hives, only one alive right now. Mary is working on 3 more hives
Stay back and don’t bother them. Bees will check you out. Don’t where perfume, bees are attached to it.
 - f. Pick up after yourself; be sure to put tools back.
 - g. Shut off water at source. Make sure you really need to water.
 - h. Check board on shed for a list of jobs that need to be done. Put your name on the job when it’s done so that we can thank you.

Adjourn @ 7:45pm by Chuck, seconded by Diane K

Next Meeting June 12 at the Garden

Submitted by,
Cindy Hoeflein
MCG Secretary