

Menomonie Community Garden

Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2022 at 6:30 PM

Meeting at the Garden

Attendance: See meeting log

Review of Minutes from June - No changes

Welcome Everyone -

Old Business:

1. Plants from FF - a THANK YOU will be sent to Jody, FF Manager. An abundance of plants were donated which can be used in our community plots or individual plots. Remaining can be put in the weed pile. Remove container and tag.
2. Evaluation of strawbale project. Overall it went well. Some suggestions: extend the time to request bales, make list alpha by last name, delivery to plots appreciated, some gardeners with 6-8 bale orders not here to help with delivery. Willie can get more. An email will go out to get another order. Pay at time of delivery (\$5.00). Expect a delivery charge next year.
3. Weedy plots - several notices (3) went out for very weedy plots. There were a number of plots that needed more attention - if you need help please ask. Keeping the weeds down helps decrease weeds going to seeds and a bumper crop next year.
4. Planning for the picnic **August 16th. Rain date is August 17th.** The following volunteered to be on the committee: Willie, Dennis L., Sheryl, Cindy, Jeanne, Mary L.(chair) , Kathy W. Assignments on what to bring will be based off last year's list and sent to volunteers by email. All gardeners coming asked to bring a dish to pass. Bill B. often brings smoked salmon from AK. Invitations will go out to people who provide service, neighbors and city council.
5. Update on the Sharing Garden and Donating Produce to Stepping Stones - Cindy oversees the Sharing Garden. Our volunteer, Mark, is helping weed, planting and watering. Stepping Stones will bring bins.
6. Jobs - check the bulletin board in the shed.
7. Comments/questions/concerns from the gardeners. Mary and Chuck report 2 garden poles missing. Please return. Garden gates MUST be closed when entering or leaving. Once deer come in, it is difficult to get them out. We have a BUNNY PROBLEM which closed gates will not help. Suggest getting a hardware cloth wire to cut to size and placing around plants being eaten.
8. Japanese Beetles- they have arrived. If anyone buys a trap, they need to be placed in the field to the south of the garden. Not in other places as the beetles will defoliate trees and other plants they find tasty. Check with Willie on that. Louis left a spray in the shed. This is not an organic product. Ask Louis on proper use.

New Business:

1. Treasurer's Report - Since last meeting, No income and no expenses

Adjourned about 7:15 PM Next meeting August 9th, 6:30 PM at the garden

Submitted by Recorder, S. Grant

