

Menomonie Community Garden Meeting

Sept 11, 2018 6:30 PM

1412 6th Street East Leisure Services Center, Menomonie, WI

Agenda opened at 6:30pm

Attendance: Barry B., Jeanette B., Leda F., Charlotte H., Cindy H., Jerry H., Ben K., Susan L., Janet M., Jim M., Ruth M., Willie M., Charles S., Mary S., Louis S., Helen W., Judy Z., Samantha K.

Program – Helen Wright presenting her work with Monarch Watch and registering MCG as a Monarch Way Station.

Approval of Minutes from August Meeting

Motion made by Willie to accept August minutes as distributed. Motion 2nd by Chuck, Passed unanimously

Additions to the Agenda

- Mary S asked that we add clarifying on how raised beds are rented

Announcements

1. Seeds available from the Menomonie Public Library
Judy – Library gets seeds from Seeds Savers. The Library has about 20 different kinds. At no cost. Just come and get them. Available year round.
2. Invasive Report -- Judy
No report
3. Facebook and website
Mary L – Kathy W puts a lot of pictures that are outstanding. They have been drawing more people to our FB page.
Large plot rental is up this year. Mary feels that a lot of it is because of the PR in the spring. Good work everyone.

Old Business

1. Great Picnic
Willie turned in his receipts
Everyone had a good time
No invited guests attended this year.
2. Gopher Trapping- more trapping after garden tilled. He is through trapping by Oct 31.
Man who did the trapping will be back after we take garden down and till.
He caught 5 females 2-3 lbs. each, and 8 juveniles, but no males. He said that it was normal to not get any males
Buy traps for about \$25-30. 100% kill rate
Tabled discussion about the purchase until next month
3. Need to decide when to take down gardens and till so he can come in to finish
October 6th in the morning - all gardens must be taken down and ornaments and like removed.
Clean Up will also involve cleaning the shed, draining hoses and putting away, needed mowing, pulling weeds from rhubarb and applying manure compost.
Inspection of garden plots prior to tilling. Anything else that Willie wants done.
No till --- rake down mounds so that he can see new mounds. Best option would be for you to cut down plants if possible.
Willie will check about when it can be tilled.
No tilling in the spring. You will have to get your own.

Willie still wants to put in permanent stakes this fall.

a. No-Till Section:

i. 2 - ½ plot and 3 whole plots that are available if current occupants plan on not returning.

b. Signs being put up in compost area will be coming in soon.

c. Further clarification on how plot/raised bed assignments are made will be on the agenda for October Meeting.

New Business

1. Monarch Way Station

- Helen's plans --- continue to get stable plants. Right now they can stain a permanent butterfly house. She may get another plot next year. The plaque is for the whole garden. We must continue to maintain the garden as it is now. Meaning that it must be weeded with the proper flower planted.

Mary L – Motion that MCG would yearly sponsor the butterfly garden plot #9 for the Monarch station. Helen Wright and other gardeners will manage the garden. Charlotte 1st, Jerry 2nd the motion. Passed unanimously

2. Garden Report from Willie

Need help putting in staking. He will check with Don H to help.

3. Treasurer Report – approval of bills,

- Balance 1210.19

- Motion made to payment to Jeff Schmidt for moving weed pile -\$50. 1. Jerry, 2nd Leda, Passed unanimously

- Approved last month, gas card \$25 to Scott Ray for mowing outside of the garden

Port a potty will be removed Sept 15 then we will get bills. Sanitation for 3rd month \$110

Mary called the city treasurer. Our water use is higher this month but about the same as 2 years ago. We are in a drought and water use is not excessive.

4. Upgrading Website for setting up online applications and payment.

- It will cost us 2yr \$120 for 2 yrs. Motion made to upgrade the website. 1st by Vickie, 2nd by Jerry. Passed unanimously
- We will use PayPal with an extra charge.

You can also send in application and check by mail.

5. Election of Officers

- President --- tabled until next month.
- Vice Pres --- Judy Z
- Secretary --- Cindy
- Treasurer --- Mary L. (Jerry H indicated an interest in treasurer next year)
- Garden Steward – Willie
- PR Committee – Cindy, Susan, Judy, Leda
- Motion made by Jerry, second by Charlotte to accept nomination for all positions with the exception of President.

Adjourned at 8:27pm

****Next Meeting – October 9, 2018 -- Planning for 2018 – Approve Budget.

Meeting will held at Dunn CO. Community Service Building. We will be downstairs in the lower level.

