

Saco Community Garden Annual Meeting

March 14, 2018, China House Restaurant

Minutes

Present: Peg Mills, Joel Hersom, Bruce Martel, Karen Martel, Walter Buczac, Michelle Hiltz, Marty Schindler, Kathy Meehan, Nancy Nelson, Ron Bolduc, Rachel Bolduc, Mauro Bottalico, Lin Zhou

Peg Mills called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

February Minutes

A motion by Bruce, seconded by Joel, to accept the February minutes, with spelling corrections. Motion passed unanimously.

2018-19 Budget

Copies of the proposed budget were distributed to those present.

Several items were discussed, including:

- Hose purchases;

- Fundraising ideas: bottle drive, sell a calendar, harvest dinner ticket sales, raffle basket, silent auction, yard sale, Earth Day or spring event in conjunction with Main Street Saco;

- and

- Soil testing sampling methods: Peg said that our method is to take small samples from about 25 gardens and mix them together. She said that the garden PH tends to be high. Marty, who is a Master Gardener, said that this is the recommended best practice.

Joel made a motion to accept the Budget as presented, Bruce seconded the motion. All present voted in favor of the budget.

Karen made a motion to accept the proposed Slate of Officers for 2018-19, to include any nominees from the floor. Marty seconded the motion:

- Chair: Bruce Martel

- Vice Chair: Joel Hersom

- Recording Secretary: Karen Martel

- Communications Secretary: Karen Martel

- Treasurer: Peg Mills

- City Representative: Ryan Sommer

- Member at Large: Walter Buczac

- Member at Large: Michelle Hiltz

- Member at Large: Rachel Bolduc

- Member at Large: Ron Bolduc

There were no nominations to fill the fifth member at large seat. The proposed slate of officers was voted in unanimously. Bruce Martel took over the meeting as chairman at that time.

The \$25.00 Moody's gift certificate was won by Marty.

Other updates:

The CLYNK account currently contains \$117.75

As of this meeting, 7 plots are still available. Flyers have been distributed throughout the area.

If we are able to expand the garden, the plan is to include 5 more rental plots and 2 Food Pantry plots.

After the business part of the meeting, a enjoyed a meal together, and had some lively discussions while getting to know our fellow gardeners.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 pm, at which point the group spent about an hour socializing over dinner.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 11th at 6:30 at the Saco Recreation building.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Martel
Recording Secretary