

Saco Community Garden Steering Committee Meeting
February 20, 2025

Minutes

Those present: Peg Mills, Joel Hersom, Amanda Mondor, Bruce Martel, Karen Martel, Walter Buczacz, Linda Edgerton

Chair Peg Mills opened the meeting.

The Minutes of January meeting were approved.

Joel presented the financial report: City balance: \$2698.95; Bank: \$216.09; Clynk: \$47.20

Peg presented a draft 2-year budget which will begin in 2026. The budget process should begin in June and be finalized and voted on at the October 2025 meeting.

The status of registrations was discussed. A welcome letter will be sent when we have the final list of gardeners from Parks and Rec.

Karen presented a draft outline of the orientation check list for orientation leaders. No formal vote was taken, but the steering committee members approved of the plan, with one addition. There was discussion about having a calendar at the annual meeting in March for sign ups for both orientation leaders and attendees. It was thought that orientations could begin on Earth Day.

The Mentor program was discussed. Karen will bring mentoring forms to the annual meeting.

Bruce will update the Guidelines to reflect changes made in January. These will be posted to the website.

There was discussion about purchasing additional corner stakes, PVC pipes to cover the stakes to make hose-sliding easier around gardens, and the purchase of loam/compost for plot 7. Gravel is needed for under the front gate where there is a low spot. Remediation is needed around the hand washing station. Options include gravel, pavers or pallets.

The Nominations committee presented their report. The current candidates are: Chair, Bruce; Vice Chair Amanda; Treasurer, Joel; Recording Secretary, Bertha, Communications Secretary; Karen; Members-at-Large: Walter, Polly, and Linda. Two others had expressed interest but had not been contacted. Linda and Amanda will contact them.

Preparations for Annual Meeting at Koi were discussed.

Peg brought the SCG archival records and keys. Karen and Bruce offered to store them at home. The bank account signatories and mailing address need to be changed.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will Annual meeting Thursday, March 20th, 6:00 at Koi.