

SACO COMMUNITY GARDEN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

JUNE 16, 2022, 6:30PM in SACO COMMUNITY CENTER

In attendance: Peg Mills, Walter Buczac, Bruce Martel, Karen Martel, Linda Edgerton

Not in attendance: Harry Nielson, Heather C., John Saul

- Welcome—Peg

- Minutes of May meeting—Tina
 - Motion by Joel
 - Seconded by Bruce
 - Unanimously passed.

- Gardener of the Month—All officers
 - #20, #7, #21, #26, #37, #51
 - #20 had the most votes

- Treasurer's Report—Joel
 - Has received something from the city, however, Joel left a message with Ryan that the paperwork for the bills doesn't seem to have been put through.
 - Also, the city made a mistake by \$3. Water has gone up to \$4.03
 - \$338.14 that the city hasn't subtracted yet, but Joel subtracted to get our balance.
 - \$1291.12 balance; carry forward is not included yet but will be added on July 1st.
 - Peg will send bills for things like plant pots.
 - Harry submitted bill from Deering Lumber for compost bin repair.

- Volunteer Statistics—Joel
 - No hours, 33
 - Partial, 4
 - Completed, 17
 - Total hours, 73.6 for the season so far

- Volunteer Tasks Status—Karen
 - Volunteer coordinator, Walter will be taking over duties for July
 - Tasks done, worked on the flowers, compost turned over
 - Peg left instructions for morning glory strings, but they haven't been done yet
 - Window still needs to be glazed
 - Peg would like help digging trench and planting marigold and alyssum
 - We would like to put daffodils in the Fall
 - Working on the compost bin Saturday morning

- Newsletter—thank you Karen!!
 - Two months in a row
 - Printed newsletter came back for one renter, we should update address

- Success of June 15 time limit—Peg
 - 3 gardens not started yet
 - #4, #45, #47
 - One last effort, Peg will call to find out the unplanted plot intentions

- Fence and Gate and Arch—plan now and implement next year? –Peg
 - Keeps out unwanted humans and creatures
 - There are weak spots, a real fence would be better. At least the gate would be a good step.
 - Look into a fence next year.
 - First, get permission from the city.
- Ice Cream Social Planning & Execution— Joel motioned to have the ice cream social, Kristina seconded. Motion Passed.
 - July 21st, 6:30pm
 - Volunteers? Start preparing.
 - 2 weeks before - Notices to gardeners & neighbors & former gardeners & council—Volunteer job! (Karen send email for volunteers)
 - Buy and serve ice cream, napkins, water—Klondike, drumsticks, bottled water, -- Peg and Joel
 - Set up tables—Peg and Linda
- Flower project—Karen and Peg
 - Peg has made some progress
 - Volunteers needed!
- Other questions, ideas, concerns
 - What is the white powder? Diatomaceous earth?
 - Linda has found cut worms; she uses diatomaceous earth.
 - Potluck? NO!
 - Fundraiser? Spaghetti supper? Feeding people in public, it's kind of a no go.
 - Look for grants, a good fundraising avenue.
 - It could help fund our fence project.
- Adjourn -- Peg moves, Linda seconds

Next meeting in the garden—brief business meeting, then Ice Cream Social. July 21st at 6:30. Come one come all.