Minutes 4/18/2024

Saco Community Garden

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There were 12 members in attendance:

Alan Michelson Polly Gosselin

Joel Hersom Nancy Nelson

Bruce Martel Karen Martel

Peg Mills Amanda Mondor

Brad Holderman Bertha Dawn

John Saulle Walter Buczacz

Peg Mills opened the meeting with a summary of events happening in Saco: Earth Day on 4/22, and Mary’s Walk on 4/21.

The minutes of the annual meeting held on 3/21 were read by Bertha Dawn. It was moved, seconded, and was voted unanimously to accept the minutes as read.

Joel Hersom gave the financial report:

Income:

Plot Rentals $1,596.25

Expenses:

Go Daddy 263.88

Water 92.52

Water 134.22

Green Shield Pest Control – shed termites 299.00

Balance $2,906.00

The bank account has a balance of $379.55 and the Klink account has $65.11.

Karen Martel passed out several Klink bags.

Peg Mills did research and will buy soil amendments, landscape fabric, landscaping pins, bloodmeal, elemental Sulphur, and any other supplies needed.

Brad Holderman volunteered to clean up the old landscaping pins which Peg found, Bruce Martel will check the air pressure of the wheelbarrow tires, Bertha Dawn will post last month’s minutes in the shed, and Amanda Mondor offered to make “Welcome New Gardener” signs for the newcomers to the community garden.

It was decided not to make orientation for new gardeners mandatory.

There are several tasks to be completed before the garden opens: the landscape fabric on the walkways needs to be inspected and pinned down securely, the soil amendments added to the plots, and the water turned on by the city.

Some tasks that have been completed are cleaning the birdhouses and putting out the seed library. Harry Nielson is making a new birdhouse so we will have one at each corner of the garden.

It was decided that the opening day for the garden will be Saturday, May 4th.

Peg Mills and John Saulle will co-host the coffee and donuts on Saturday starting at 9:00 am, and Amanda Mondor and Brad Holderman will co-host on Sunday starting at 9:00 am.

Peg Mills was the March and April volunteer coordinator, and Polly Gosselin offered to be the coordinator for May.

Peg noted that there were several plots that need to be cleaned which will count toward fulfilling volunteer hours.

There was discussion on what to plant by the shade porch, whether to use morning glories again or something different. It was decided to table a final decision until next month.

The next meeting will be on May 16th, and all gardeners are encouraged to attend and give their input and share any ideas or suggestions.

Submitted by

Bertha Dawn

Recording Secretary