

Steering Committee (Virtual Meeting)
June 11, 2020

Attended: Michelle Hiltz, Karen Martel, Bruce Martel, Harry Neilson, Joel Hersom, Tina Hooper, Peg Mills, Walter Buczacz

1. Peg called the meeting to order at 6:48
2. Karen made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 14, 2020 meeting. Harry seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.
3. Treasurer Report-
We have spent:
-Fence-715.00 and that did not include the front gate
 Ryan Sommor said that the estimate for the gate is an additional 415.00.
 Karen made a motion to pay Anchor Fence 415.00 for the gate, Harry seconded the motion
 This seems like a high cost for some and it will not cover all of the repairs that the team
 Joel suggested asking the city if they would repair the gate

After a vote 3 members voted to pay to fix the gate and 5 voted to let it ride.

- Johnny's (from Peg) 508.66 for fabric
- Staples 49.23 and 64.98
- Rototilling- 300.00 240.00 went into the account for the renters.

Balance as of June 11, 2020- according to the city, 2282.00. We believe the balance to be 884.13.

4. Volunteer Report-
12 have completed their volunteer hours
6 have partially completed their volunteer hours
37 have not completed any volunteer hours
5. Registration Report- Many people have dropped out of the garden but their slots have been filled. Plot #7 remains open. Peg will pursue registering someone into this plot
6. Safety Compliance Report-
3 gardeners have not signed the COVID-19 form
7. Motion to ratify decisions that have been made in between sessions via email. Bruce made a motion to accept these decision, Harry seconded the motion. It was unanimously agreed.
 Gardener of the month will receive the door prize
 Laurie Thompson' resignation was accepted
 The end date for planting garden plots was extended to June 30
 The lock was put back on the gate

8. Gardener of the month for June is Plot #37, Cynthia, She also won the door prize. Bruce made a motion to give an additional door prize to the gardener of the month in July and August, Joel seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved.
9. There is an opening for a steering committee member at large. Peg will ask around to determine interest.
10. Covid safety precautions-
Are they working? People seem to be following the protocols and the precautions seem to be adequate.

Peg modified the rules to take out repetitive statements and excess information. Harry made a motion to accept the modified rules, Harry seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved

Peg will post the modified rules at the garden, Karen will post them on the community garden website

11. Repair/ Repaint the shed?

Peg made a motion to paint the shed, Joel seconded the motion

The left side of the shed is falling apart. Screws might hold up better than renailling it. Should we budget for repairs and painting next year?

The motion to paint the shed did not receive any vote, the majority voted against it.

We will defer repairing and painting the shed until next year. This could be budgeted for and a contractor or handy man can be hired.

12. Excess (unnecessary) items in the shed will be thrown out if they are not removed by July 15th. All steering committee members agreed to this. Karen will send out a memo to the gardeners that this will occur
13. Japanese knot weed is creeping into the garden.
Can we ask the Parks and Rec to tend to this since they care for Hailey Park? Maybe they could extend their mowing to include this area. It could also be a volunteer opportunity to cut it back. We will talk with Ryan Sommer about our options
14. Volunteer opportunities-

The landscaping fabric still needs to be laid down. There has been no movement on this since Bruce made his video demonstrating how to do this.

The compost still needs to be sifted into buckets, we are short buckets to put the compost in. If anyone has spares that they want to donate, they can be used.

The next meeting will be on July 16th at 6:30
These notes were taken by Michelle Hiltz