

Schuylkill River Park Community Garden Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 9, 2018 7:00- 7:35 PM

Markward Recreation Center

Minutes Submitted by: Steve Slaterbeck (H-6)

Present: Mary Lou Gross (I-2), Al Kelman(J-8),) Mike Kihn (B-1), Steve Slaterbeck (H-6), Katie Tremont (A-1), Joan Wells (H-2), Linda Zaimis(K-5), and Barbara Halpern CCRA representative

Not Present: Lillian Cohen (E-2), Jerry Faich(I-1), Andy/Karen Nicolini (E-1),

Recorded by Steve Slaterbeck, Secretary. Approval by the Steering Committee September 13, 2018.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Responsible Party/ Timeline
Call to order & Approval of Minutes	There were no further comments on the minutes for July. Motion to accept made and seconded.	Approved by unanimous vote. Steve: Post July minutes on bulletin board and on website.
Treasurer's Report	Joan reported. Expenses this period: Summer work day food \$69.67; Front gate recoating supplies \$118.32; Sent to CCRA but no checks written yet: Laminator and printing supplies \$97.18; Rittenhouse Hardware (misc. supplies) \$135. Total for expenditures since July 1 (start of fiscal year) is \$418.95 and total expenditures for this period is \$192.99. Revenue this period: none. Quarterly payment of \$500 due from CCRA. Discussed building up a reserve at July meeting, writing grants for big expenditures such as plumbing, shed repair (Mike volunteered Cecily). and insurance.	
New Business	CCRA: Barbara provided copy of CCRA insurance policy for Al to peruse. Al reported that CCRA insurance policy covers SRPCG.	
Committee Reports	Plot Assignments: No report. Plot Use: Al reported every plot has been planted, some "lightly tended." Some plots are growing into pathways. Weeds in pathways. City Harvest: Linda reported 582 pounds harvested so far, compared to 723 this time last year.	Steve: Send icontract note to gardeners to trim plants that are blocking paths, scuffle hoe weeds in paths, and a compost reminder (no weeds, tomatoes, seeds, fungal, etc.) Steve: Make new sign for City Harvest Basket.

	<p>Facilities: Thank you gardeners Diedre and Michael Barone for donating 2 shepherds crooks. Mike Kihn donated new pruner and clippers. Raymond Ercoli repaired the “take one” holder. Nothing to report on honey bee hives.</p> <p>Chores: Linda emails to gardeners the week before assigned chore week.</p> <p>Workday: Jerry sent email with assigned chores and dates for gardeners to make up missed summer work day.</p> <p>Parkside Plantings: Princeton grad student Yuki Haba hung mosquito traps for West Nile Virus research. Ashlie Delshad interviewed Linda and Joan for a project on community gardens she is doing at West Chester.</p> <p>Website: Steve updating regularly.</p> <p>Community/Children Events: Harvest Supper scheduled for Sunday, August 26 at 5 p.m. Katie proposed speaker to coincide with fall work day on November 3. Elizabeth Daily of PHS will give 30 minute talk at 11:30 about Preparing Soil for Winter/Cold Weather Crops.</p>	<p>Steve: Thank Barone’s and Mike in icontact message.</p> <p>Karen: Talk to Don Shump of Philadelphia Bee Company and report back.</p> <p>Jerry: Follow up with gardeners for work day make up chores.</p> <p>Steve: Meeting with Sally as needed. Laurie Taylor: Researching user friendly web site options.</p> <p>Steve: Send icontact.</p> <p>Katie: Follow up with Elizabeth regarding time and honorarium.</p>
	<p>Next Steering Committee Thursday, September 13, 7pm.</p>	

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