

**Schuylkill River Park Community Garden
Annual Garden Meeting
Trinity Center for Urban Life
March 16, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by Derek Freres at 7:23pm.

Joan Wells introduced the new member gardeners and lottery plot gardeners.

Anthony Stuempfig made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 2010 Annual Meeting. Seconded and approved.

Fran Levi presented the Treasurer's Report. For the regular Garden account \$4,070.68 was budgeted in 2010 and \$4,051.81 was spent. For the Capital Expenditures through March 16, 2011, we had income of \$41,155.00 and spent \$34,421.36. For the 2011 regular Garden account, the remaining balance is \$3,021.00 for the allocated budget and \$312.87 unallocated. Linda Zaimis made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded and approved.

Linda Zaimis gave a summary of the Garden's participation in the City Harvest Program. Last year our food cupboard partner was the Lutheran Church on Chestnut St and we donated over 500 pounds of fresh produce to them. The increase over the 160 pound donation from 2009 is due to the new City Harvest plot built by Anthony Steumpfig with help from Derek using the Dolfinger McMahon grant funds.

Derek presented the Parkside Plantings report prepared by Allison Rulon-Miller. Ten of the eleven beds in the Parkside borders have been reworked since 2007 with winter hardy and drought tolerant plants. New plantings for 2011 will be minimized because of the disruption expected to occur when the work on the pedestrian overpass bridge begins later this year. The Parkside Plantings Committee and volunteer Gardeners held several clean-up days in 2010 and plan to continue in 2011. Gardeners are asked to be especially vigilant in April and May of anyone digging in the border beds as this is when theft of plants tends to occur.

Derek presented a handout on the Capital Projects Report summarizing all of the Garden's infrastructure projects. This report is also available on the Garden website <http://www.srpcg.org>.

Cecily Kihn introduced our guest speaker, Judy Wicks, founder of the White Dog Café. Judy spoke about her new initiative, Sustainable 19103, which is an effort to promote the greening of our neighborhood via workshops on rainwater management, composting, and green, white and blue roofs. Additional information can be found at www.SBNPhiladelphia.org.

Fran announced the proposed slate of Steering Committee members for 2011. Michi Tashjian made a motion to accept the nominees. Seconded and approved. The Garden Clean-up dates for 2011 are: April 9th at 9am, July 9th at 9am and November 5th at 10am.

The Garden Harvest Party will be on August 28th.

Joan Wells led the discussion on getting Gardeners to participate in community tasks within the Garden that need to be done on a weekly basis to help maintain the common areas. The commitment would involve less than an hour of effort and would include tasks such as sweeping around the fountain area, sprucing up the watering cans in the potting bench area, straightening the wagons and putting out the trash bags on Sunday evenings. A checklist will be posted on the bulletin board and volunteers will be recruited via email request.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Linda Zaimis,
Recording Secretary

Steering Committee Meeting Following Annual Meeting

Al Kelman nominated Derek Freres for Chairman. Seconded and approved.

Joan Wells nominated Fran Levi for Treasurer. Seconded and approved.

Steering Committee meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the month from 7pm-8:30pm at the Markward Recreation Center.

Meeting adjourned 8:53 pm.

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