

Clarkston Community Garden

General Meeting Minutes of

April 21, 2022

Attending: Richard Adams, John Freeman, Peggy Madonia, Janie Roberts, Ken Roberts, Tana Truscott, Tom Truscott, Jackson Vance-Matthews

Jackson will talk to Penny or their art teacher about painting a sign for our sponsors.

We have a leak in the water system at the Garden. John and Ken will check it out.

Tana asked if the timing of the Master Gardener water system could be adjusted.

We have an offer for free raspberries. We will plant them in the garden. These will be for the use of the garden members.

Tana said that the grape plants in the demo garden might need to be replaced.

We need to post something about the compost rules.

Peggy suggested that it might be useful to have a formal agenda for each meeting, and suggested that we have a compost pile seminar about what should be added to the compost pile.

Tana reported on her appointment at the Asotin County Food Bank. The food bank serves 300-400 people. Food can be picked up from the boxes out front from 8-2 pm. Very little goes to waste. They said that they liked tomatoes, cabbages, broccoli, eggplant, more beets, squash, and peppers (hot/sweet). JoAnn suggested that if we wanted volunteers, we could send a letter to the 300-400 people that they serve telling them when we need volunteers, and inform them about the garden. The food bank will make copies for us for free.

We are going to put ground cover on the squash to help control the weeds, and we are going to grow acorn and butternut squash to try to reduce the squash beetle infestation.

Tana and Peggy suggested that we need to form a committee for fund raising.

Tom and Dick want to protect the apple and cherry trees with organic spray.

Tom says that he doesn't chop up his compost. He digs a trench and composts in the ground.

Our next meeting will be on May 19th, 2022 at the United Methodist Church of Clarkston, 1242 Highland, Clarkston at 6:00 pm. The side entrance is the closest to the meeting room. This will be the room at the top of the stairs. Hope to see everyone there.