

**Clarkston Community Garden**

**General Meeting**

**Minutes of 7-21-22**

**Attending: Dick Adams, John Freeman, Carol Hammond, Katheryn Jarrett, Peggy Madonia, Janie Roberts, Ken Roberts, Janet Short, and Tom Truscott**

**Treasurer's Report: Ending Balance**

**Checking: \$13,318.00**

**Savings: \$ 1,465.00**

**Interest earned on checking is .15% and on savings is .06%.**

**Compost Committee: Lots being added to pile, even puncture vine. Compost needs to reach 160 degrees to kill weed seeds. Clear plastic bags will generate more heat, part of the problem is getting holes in the bags. We are putting weedy seeds in bags to increase the temperature. The compost needs to be kept moist enough to hold together. Kerry and Peggy stretched a hose to compost pile so the MG could water 2-3 times a week. The green compost barrel has been repaired so we can move it back to the new compost bed. Should take about 3-4 weeks to complete the process in the green composter. There are signs on the front gate explaining about composting and new bed location. We need to provide more education on composting. We need to address concerns of renters as far as composting. We also need to move all things associated with composting back to compost bins. Having someone to show is all about composting would be more effective than signs.**

**Janie needs to provide Kerry with the e-mail addresses of renters. Give all renters rules and instructions, this must be friendly.**

**Motion: Peggy, Carol**

**Give Kerry a budget of a maximum of \$50.00 for lamination of signs**

**Passed.**

**Peggy asked Tom and Dick if we can count on compost training in the spring and fall.**

**Ken is pushing to get volunteers to harvest on Thursdays.**

**Please, no weeds in compost beds, put weeds in bags. Hold seminar for renters (maybe in winter)**

**Irrigation: Joe (Peggy's husband) has a really good map drawn up. A program is needed to digitize. Shawn does not have this program.**

**Finance Committee: All actions will have to come back to the board for approval. A committee was formed to hash out the details so things don't have to be discussed at a board meeting. There were no objections to this.**

**Create volunteer outreach committee (established) looking for people to mow, pull weeds, etc. The hours (estimated) would be used and needed for applying for grants.**

**We received a grant for \$8,780. We purchased and had delivered a 10 x 12 shed. We will purchase blocks for 16 20' beds. (LDS volunteers will help with the building of the beds.) We will also be purchasing battery operated tiller and weed eater.**

**We will use the new shed for tools. Onion and peppers are drying in the shed. We will set up a table in the shed for working on tools.**

**Because of our recent break-in, the police have said that they will increase surveillance. The vandals smashed down the wire on both gates. We also need to have an extra key for the back gate made.**

**Raspberries will be planted at the NE corner of the garden. This will be pick and eat. Kerry told Peggy that she would try to do the planting or get someone who can. Need to find out how far apart to plant.**

**Ken says that we need to scrape loose paint on the old shed and the office and paint.**

**Open house: August 2, 2022**

**Clarkston's mayor is coming, she will be speaking for 5 minutes. Jen will bring microphone. We need to find someone to rotate the stone so the plaque faces front. Peggy asked Costco to donate refreshments. We were asked to place**

**posters provided by Peggy somewhere appropriate. Brochures will be sent to previous sponsors to the open house.**

**Some wood beds (rental beds) are deteriorating. We will eventually replace beds with concrete blocks as needed.**

**Next Meeting: August 18th, 2022, 6:00 pm** at the United Methodist Church of Clarkston, 1242 Highland, Clarkston, Wa. **The side entrance is the closest to the meeting room. This will be the room at the top of the stairs.**

**Please attend and help make this garden great!**