

September 2022 Clarkston Community Garden Meeting Minutes

Attending: Ken Roberts, John Freeman, Carol Hammond, Tana Truscott, Tom Truscott, Dick Adams, Janet Short, Cindy Larson and Kerry Beth Eyman.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking \$13, 063

Emergency Savings \$1465.00

Disbursement

\$500 for new tools and electricity. Possibly install electricity at the pavilion.

****We currently don't need any more tools.**

Forming of Committees

Formal process:

- Present the idea of the committee to the Board. The Board has to approve a committee.
- The Board must approve the chair of the committee.
- The President can attend committee meetings.
- The chair must present the plans of action to the Board for approval.

Garden Safety/Security

*****Recently a transient came into the garden and snuck up on a gardener asking for water and the combination. Police were called and the transient was given a "No Trespass Order."**

- Tana suggested a solar light system.
- Kerry Suggested motion lights.
- Dick suggested electric lights.
- Tana suggested we ask WWCC for lighting.
 - Ken and John will meet with WWCC in October

Harvest Supper Discussion

- **Harvest Supper Date October 15, 3:00pm.**
- Tables will be provided.
- Bring your own silverware and a dish to share.

WWCC mowing of the perimeter of the fence

- Occurs bi-annually but needs to happen more.
- Tana suggested a 5' perimeter of mowing and that the mower who dumps in the area could mow without his bag on the way back.
- Tana will contact a children's community service group.

Volunteer Committee Report

- Committee Meeting Notes attached to this email
- The committee suggested that we create an “Adopt a Bed” program for the food bank raised beds.
 - Known gardeners could adopt without a mentor but new gardeners would need a mentor.
 - Dick has a group of volunteers from his church that he would like to lead with the adoption of 4 beds.
- Peggy has had 3 successful outreach dates at the farmer’s market and made contact with a couple of service groups and a new renter for the garden.
- Kerry has been buying gardening things clearance out for gift baskets to be raffled at tabled events like the farmer’s market.
- Peggy has a group in mind for removing the paint from the shed.
- Peggy requested that she be allowed to officially coordinate volunteers.

Compost Committee

- The Board asked for the committee to appoint a chairperson.
- Kerry Eyman was appointed and then approved by the Board.

Fall Garden Series by the Master Gardener Program

- Tana Truscott is the contact person.
- The series will be held at Walla Walla Community College.
- Dates and Time
 - October 19: Soil Health and Food Preservation 6-8p
 - October 26: Successful tomato gardening 6-8p
 - November 2: Fruit Tree management with Deb Pearson 6-8p
- 3 classes for \$18.00 or \$7.00 per class
- During intermission there will be weed identification.
- Topics: Fruit Tree diseases, cover crops, soil health, tomato growing, how to build structures for the garden.