1-8-13 Clarkston Community Garden (CCG) Meeting at the United Methodist Church

**Present:**  Dan Cease, John Freeman, Penny Mintyala, Barb Hilty, Jerry Hendrickson, Jackson Vance, Glenda Farrell, Cindy Frunz and Donna Trump

Executive Board (quorum present)

**December Minutes** were approved after the following corrections: Vice-President Penny Mintyala (for resigning Dan Storey), Director John Freeman (for Jerry Hendrickson - term expired), Directors not up for re-election: Janet Danley - permanent position and Barb Hilty - 2nd year of 2 year term.

**Correspondence** is current. Donna needs the contact for The Asotin County Cattlewomen's Association. Jerry Hendrickson provided his wife's name, Jean, and address so a thank you can be written for the tomato plants. The Boy Scouts' contribution is still in question. A thank you needs to be written to Asotin County Public Works for truck hauling of bark.

**Treasurer's Report:** checking $138.26, savings $230.85. Bills paid were: PUD, Schurman's, Avista (now auto draft), Dan Cease for Go Daddy (domain name renewal), seeder, and seeds. Income received was $36.00 for compost sale and $120.00 for memberships and bed rentals. January bills will be Avista, PUD, & Potlatch FCU1 for new checks. Motions approved to pay Donna for stamps ($16.00) and Dan Cease for Postal & Copy brochures ($79.01) and Weebly Pro website ($47.88).

*OLD BUSINESS:*

**Budget** for 2013 was discussed. Dan estimates income of $880.00 for memberships and bed rentals. Applications for 4 grants are being submitted. Dan estimates building 6 wooden beds and selling 3 to 4 kits for $300.00 to $400.00. Jackson would like 2 beds *delivered in a timely manner*. Dan and Donna will work together on finalizing the 2013 budget.

**Fund Raising:** Selling hats and t-shirts was discussed.

A tentative date of May 4th was set for our 1st annual plant and craft sale. Donna reported that the Bi-Mart parking lot will probably not work. Other ideas presented were the Albertson's parking lot, Potlatch FCU 1 parking lot, and Rick's Family Food's parking lot. Dan estimates we will have 400 to 500 vegetable plant starts to sell (spinach, lettuce, broccoli, squash, tomatoes). Donna Larson is making craft items and Donna Trump and Matthew will make stepping stones for sale.

**Bed Renewals:** Renewals are due by the 31st of January.

**Chamber of Commerce:** Dan reported that it will cost us $100.00 to join since we are non-profit. Joining will increase our community presence. Discussion followed about hosting an "After 5:00 Dinner" at the garden. Dan handed out our brochures at the chamber meeting.

**Garden Status:** John and Dan will add one more in ground carrot bed for the food bank.

They would like to purchase welded stock panels (4' X 16', $16.00 each) as a means to divide the rental in ground beds into 4' X 4' plots. Each gardener would get one side and the back of the "stall" for climbing vegetables. Dan suggested $15.00 for each but discussion followed and a motion was passed to rent the in ground beds for $10.00 each.

10 new 10' beds from ***FREE*** Quality Concrete blocks have been built by Dan and John. These 10' beds are slightly larger than the wooden 10' beds and do not require a liner. They will have a wooden cap.

No more 8' beds will be built.

3) 16 yard dump truck loads of top soil will be delivered from the Clarkston City Waste Water Treatment Plant project.

Our gardening problems were mentioned: aphids, white flies, tomato curly top and bottom rot, quail and voles.

*NEW BUSINESS:*

**Business Sponsorship:** Dan showed an 11 X 17 poster from Postal & Copy for $1.87 each that would be personalized and go in the window of each business contributing a $100.00. Those businesses contributing $500.00 or more would receive a bronze plaque and their name on a monument at the garden. We have 1 donation of $1000.00 as a Jane Cease memorial.

Dan appointed Penny to be in charge of the business sponsorship project to raise money for operating expenses.

**Tiller:** Dan purchased a Husqvarna, 9 hsp., 17" reverse and forward tine tiller with a Briggs & Stratton engine from Big R on sale for $599.00 (a savings of $150.00). He proposed that CCG reimburse him $200.00 a year for 3 years with 0 % interest. Motion made, seconded, and passed. The CCG may pay off sooner if funds are available. John and Dan have used the tiller and it works well. Donna will draw up a contract between CCG and Dan Cease for the purchase/reimbursement.

**Loader:** Dan and John will rent a loader, $60.00 for 8 hours, for filling the new beds. They will layer shredded leaves, soil, compost, topsoil and fertilizer. The Army Corps of Engineers provided leaves from Swallow's Nest Park.

**Web Site:** Corrections of grammar, punctuation, and spelling need to be made. Donna has corrected the Registration Form but it needs to be uploaded.

**Post Office Box:** We need to leave it at the post office unless there is a substantial savings in moving it to Postal & Copy; changing our address on our documents would require a fair amount of work. The fee of $58.00 will be due in March.

**Walla Walla Community College (WWCC):** Jackson reported that WWCC believes they have 1 bed at no charge as that is what Dan Cease told Janet Danley. Motion made, seconded, and passed to provide WWCC 1) 8' bed each year at no charge.

**Master Gardeners:** The Master Gardeners will have a new concrete 10' bed for their demonstration garden.

**Next Meeting:** The next CCG meeting will be February 12th at the United Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m.