

Marymoor Community Gardeners' Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

7 PM at King County Library, Redmond

Meeting Facilitator: Robin Barnes – President

Call to order: 7:02 PM

Present: Kirby Cartwright, Hannah Kimball, Michelle Raymond, Mary Lou Colwell, Barb Moody, Gia Parsons, Jim Cantrell, Bev MacKenzie, Tiffany King and Carol Johnson

- Opening remarks and welcome to visiting gardeners: Laeticia Nkinsi and son; Laeticia asked the Board for consideration to renew her plot assignment for 2019, as she had not met the deadline for reporting hours. She was asked how we could improve the reporting process. She commented that her husband was not aware that there was a log sheet at the FB work bench. The online tool was hard to find. She suggested a large poster for the FB area, she offered to make that poster. Robin asked the Board to consider Laeticia's request. A motion by Kirby and Mary Lou 2nd to grant her permission to apply for the 2019 gardening season, unanimously passed.
- Motion to approve schedule: Kirby motion and Barb 2nd, unanimously passed.
- Motion to approve October Board Minutes: Barb motion and Kirby 2nd, unanimously passed.
- Motion to approve Annual Meeting Minutes: Kirby motion and Hannah 2nd, unanimously passed.

Administrative business:

- Treasury report: Tiffany presented Board with records information from 2015-present. She said that there was a discrepancy in February 2017 in the amount of \$17.75, in which she was unable to account. We are waiting the King County Maintenance Fee and Plot Rental bill (\$2565.00). Robin will call park office to request final invoice. Tiffany will pay final bill and make last deposit (6 checks @ \$37.50 each for prorated plot rentals from Bev) and will close the books for 2018. She presented Robin with the final budget information thus far. In December John and Robin will do a final audit and will then turn the books over to Sabrina. MCGA Board and Community wish to thank Tiffany for her years of service of being our Treasurer.
 - Determine/vote on plot rental fee for 2019: Motion was made by Mary Lou and 2nd by Kirby to keep the full plot rental at \$75.00 for 2019; unanimously passed.
- Registrar report: Bev and Jim were present to pass the Registrar records to Jim Cantrell new reigning Registrar. Jim has been shadowing Bev for the last few months to become familiar with the work flow. Bev gave Tiffany 6 checks @ \$37.50/each for prorated plot rental to be deposited. Final statistics gardeners for 2018 growing season: 154 returning gardeners; 22 new gardeners; 13 plot expansions and 6 were granted. In Google Sheets there is data from 2015-current with contact information and plot assignments. Motion was made by Michelle

and 2nd by Gia to appoint Jim Cantrell as Registrar for going forward, unanimously passed. We thank Bev for her years of service to the Board and Community as Registrar. The Board welcomes Jim to his new role as Registrar.

Task reports:

- Consult tax professional: Apex Consulting will and will schedule and appointment with Peter Smith of the firm in December. This consultation will be a one- hour meeting pro-bono, to discuss our delinquent taxes. Robin welcomed other Board members to join meeting if interested.
- Water conservation/pressure controller: Robin asked the Board if they wanted to consider purchasing a water meter to be installed on the water main. The current cost is \$400.00. In addition, we could purchase individual spigot meters at 2/\$5.00 for the 4 valve boxes at the north side of the garden. This will be an essential tool for water conservation going forward. Kirby motion and Michelle 2nd to approve expenditure, unanimously passed.
- Row monitor/mentor resolution: We had further discussion of this role. The items presented were as follows:
 - Recruit good/experienced gardeners
 - Name change? Monitor = instrument or means to check on quality or progress.
 - Good way to build community education and partnership
 - Opportunity to convey our contract with KC on comfrey, noxious weeds, standing water, cultivation deadline, no tires, only organic pesticide use, no chemicals
 - Spring work parties and new gardener education/informationals talk about above items and make all be aware that the monitor program is for the good of all and complies with our King County contract.

Planning and Status reports:

- Outline plans for application revision for 2019: To be discussed at our next meeting on 12/5/2018, Redmond Public Library at 7 pm.
 - Review verbiage
 - Suggest sections for tentative changes to document
 - Penultimate draft with input for all via email

Old Business:

- Hog Fuel: The Board decided to rely on labor and bypass purchase of hog fuel at this time. Motion by Bard and 2nd by Kirby, unanimously passed.
- Pay Pal: Gia explained to the Board how the Pay Pal account works, there are different fees associated with the amount of business conducted, if the payee has a PP account or not. Gia notified the Board that any transactions via PP were not reflected in the Treasurer records, simply because it is a very convoluted payment system. Sabrina will be given access PP.

New Business:

- No items were discussed

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Adjourn: Motion made by Barb and 2nd by Kirby, unanimously passed time 8:45 PM

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Carol Johnson, Secretary