

Minutes

Meeting of the Hansberry Garden Board of Directors

February 21, 2019

At the home of Dennis Barnebey

Present: Hillary, Claudia, Laura, Kirk, Janet, Dennis, Shelah, Kathy

- A. Call to Order: 6:50
- B. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Minutes of last meeting approved with amendments
 - b. Approved agenda
- C. President's report:
 - a. Spring Gathering/Spring Membership Drive
 - i. Space secured at New Hope Temple Baptist, 10 - noon March 9
publicized on Philly.com, gtown radio, facebook, please share facebook event,
 - ii. Committee chairs' presentations: **chairs should think about what to say**
 - iii. Software problems: **working with Leonard**
 - iv. Publicity for Spring Gathering -- Sharing on Social Media: **side discussion for Shelah, Laura and Claudia**
 - b. Events Calendar
 - i. Have made contact with Pastorius Garden events team for advice about running sound from solar panels
 - ii. Need to contact musicians, workshop providers and get the ball rolling for events
 - iii. **We will participate in Philly Spring Cleanup on April 6, voted and approved.**
 - c. Plant Sale
 - i. Seedlings: Janet Peterman **tomatoes**, Jessica Wrights , Claudia
 - ii. Grow light/ greenhouse team: Claudia, Brea, Donna Scarborough
 - iii. Donation of plugs secured from North Creek Farms, further donations sought **native ornamentals, Laura can house plants**
 - iv. Still have had no volunteers for plant sale team. Need people to keep track of inventory, produce info sheets for inventory, repot plants, etc.
- D. Treasurer's Report: **combined with budgeting**
- E. Committee Reports:
 - a. Membership
 - i. Report on response to membership campaign: **need-processing of beds, please sign up by Feb, membership meeting moved up, trying to enforce deadline of renewal may be difficult. Can we share the load of signing up/reminding/making personal contact with last**

years members starting 3/2. Mentor solicitation: social people - 2-3 people; mentor would be given with the bed; guidelines will be made (2 workdays missing -mentor reach out; weeds -would you like to meet to work together) Mentors will be recruited.

- b. Kelly Green Project: **Awarded design grant from PWD for engineering firm to do a study and design an overhaul to do stormwater management, Camille in classrooms with grow lights, growing wheatgrass. Checking account on its way,**
- c. Fundraising: Food Fit Philly proposals (Camille and Shelah): **Camille contacted Enon Church about several vacant lots. Idea: 2 lots would become farms that would have food sold as CSA and donated to food pantry. Final proposal: turn vacant lots into urban farms, Our proposal: map food purveyors in area soup kitchens, food pantries, corner markets (do they carry fruit, veg), try to get them on board to supply healthier options, map vacant lots in area, growing food, community education, school education sell some produce locally**

F. New Business:

- a. 2019 Budget:
 - i. **Lump:** propose \$2850 based on Ed Chun's contribution to cover: new compost(2300), allocated as needed, amphitheater wetland, will return with proposal for specific purchasing.
 - ii. **Maintenance:**\$2000 (500 special project) mulberry tree removal (650), Hose project (separate funding), truck rental for rubble, firewood, shed removal
 - iii. **Honey Pot:** \$640 based on previous year
 - iv. **Kelly Green:** not included
 - v. **Membership events:** \$200
 - vi. **Fundraising events:** \$420
 - vii. **Professional Fees:** \$500
 - viii. **Office:** \$1000 - to be reevaluated...quickbooks available in cheaper form
 - ix. **advert/communication:** \$200 web fees, cards, stamps
 - x. **Utilities:** wait to find out about rebate
 - xi. **Insurance:** \$1400
 - xii. **Change supplies to Tools/Equipment:** \$450 wheelbarrows, greenhouse bubble wrap and water drums
 - xiii. **Bank Fees:** \$150 paypal fees,
 - xiv. **Interest:** \$3
 - xv. **Membership:** \$1600
 - xvi. **General donation:** \$6,000 -unclearly about previous years donations and where they are recorded
 - xvii. **Grants:** \$0 - look into weavers way, seed money, accessibility grants
 - xviii. **Plant Sale:** \$1,500
 - xix. **Farm Stand:** \$0

xx. Bake Sale: \$350

xxi. Fall Fundraiser: \$0

xxii. Kelly Green, LUMP, \$0

xxiii. Restrstricted Income: \$500

c. This will be reevaluated upon consultation with Keisa,

d. This season: re-evaluating mission, goals, strategic plan: **long afternoon conversation going forward**

G. Next board meeting at claudia's 6:30 pm March 21

H. Adjournment 9:09