

Minutes

Meeting of the Hansberry Garden Board of Directors

April 22, 2019

At the home of Claudia Ginanni

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

A. Call to Order **7:02**

B. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approve minutes of last meeting **Correction: Jessica Rights, and honey-pot=porto-potty: Mr. John**
- b. Approve agenda **approved**

C. President's report:

- a. Issues raised by February budget meeting
 - i. Water bill: **1.5 years ago we were approved for a credit/exemption from city water for stormwater fees, credit has been spent at 1 property. 16.07 for stormwater each property. Not currently exempt, need to reapply with: Deeds to property, (have now), will pursue exemption, Motion passes 4- 1 Claudia will look into exemptions for stormwater bill, we are not currently metered for our water use.**
 - ii. Quickbooks bill **Tech Soup discount \$50/year but not all computer platforms supported. Keisa can help move over, should work, according to help call.**
 - iii. Bulletin board: **1k grant from Germantown United CDC for public bulletin board, Have a plan/offer at 1k, with installation by HGNC**
- b. Donations in kind to garden: **Buy Nothing Germantown: many donations by Shelly Dillard from Morris Arboretum, wheelbarrow, 10 bags potting soil (bark, peat moss), many tools. Bags for potting at plant sale.**
- c. Events Calendar:
 - i. Knife-Sharpening Event: **test our solar power/amps/mikes: Last call for digging**
 - ii. Open Air Open Mic Series planning: **commitment from Joy Ike for 1st event, 3rd monday of each month beginning May**
 - iii. Fundraising at events: **Morris Arboretum tix (raffle), suggested donation, sell snacks, notecards, vendors: members first, get through a few, consider later.**
- d. Plant Sale/Bake Sale
 - i. Recruiting helpers, **inventory, plant info, Potting this saturday 4/27, Need document for donation plants, Sign-up online going out for volunteering**
- e. Student filmmakers' request **temple, not sure about timetable,**

D. Treasurer's Report: **none**

E. Committee Reports:

- a. Membership : **time to get 9 new households signed up into committees, contact this week through preferred methods**
 - i. Assignment of committee members: **Camille will chair Communications, Background check for Finance committee/quickbooks, Laura and Shelah are co-chair of Events/Programming, Fund-raising chair is Claudia**
 - **Committee Chairs to be in touch with groups for introductions and encourage participation in plant sale within a week Sharpening, also informal work day: digging, planting amphitheater, repotting, tamping pea gravel, [Committee Memberships 2019](#)**
 - b. Kelly Green Project: **New connection with Canaan Church, putting in for a new grant, water department grant still moving forward for engineering redesign, Weather station coming to meadow, Pipe Organ getting installed soon, some confusion about leaving to GU-CDC, still looking at best option legally, financially, community and mission wise.**
 - c. LUMP: **plants for amphitheater floor and edging. 1 foot apart for plugs. Grasses for floor, pakera (edges), Ramon will complete first stage of path soon, Claudia putting in Pea gravel order coming Wednesday, Laura: weed fabric goes down first 9:30am, with knotweed pulling. Volunteers to spread pea gravel Thursday. Saturday: informal workday. If path not dug by Saturday**
 - d. Fundraising **Gift from Ken Weinstein for \$500 to start our monthly open mic, Lights, lantern, setup, sound,**
- F. Old Business:
- a. 2019 budget vote: **amendments: 200 to utilities, office/software down to \$500, community events up to \$600, Move to insert Dennis's money into Kelly Green at a later date, with email, Approved. Move to approve adjusted budget, Passes 8 ayes**
- G. Next Meeting: **May 16**
- H. Adjournment: **9:39**