

August 19, 2013

In Attendance

Donna Willard

Jane Davison

Chuck & Christine

Don Edwards

Karsten Baumann

Call to Order

Motion to approve agenda - passed

Review of Minutes from previous meeting being passed around for acceptance/approved. Minutes reviewed & approved.

Legal Chuck started a new job – has not called IRS yet, will have something at the next meeting.

Communications – Donna sent another note to Jerry Allen (TOM – Director of Parks & Rec) asking for update on press release and sent a note to BCBS asking where sign may be. No word heard from either. Donna will renew the GoDaddy subscription for our Web site (2 years). Donna to follow up with Fred to continue maintenance and Web site oversight. Don volunteered to take a look at the web site to determine if logins are there for all contributing members. Jane add more visible note on Application form to join mailing list. Need to scrub membership against mailing list to determine if others need to be added.

Garden Coordinator – Rototiller (small one) seems to be working fine (now that the starter device has been obtained). Gretchen has said that we should run out of gas. Rain has been plentiful and is preventing us from preparing beds for fall crops. Broccoli, Chinese broccoli, Chinese cabbage planted. Christine is working on planting three of the front beds and Don is working on the back. We have 5 Asian members so we are trying to incorporate more ethnic produce into our garden to support our membership. Don would like to run a Junior Master Gardener program (curriculum soil, plant parts, insects, etc.) for the fall. Membership has expressed an interest in this. Need to determine time that this could be done. Time requirements 1 to 2 hours a week. Program is aimed at 4th graders to 6th graders. Jerry Broadwell donated a large amount of seeds to the garden (thank you!). Lasagne garden approach in creating beautiful soil!. Ideas for next year – use trellises for vining plants – make the beds wider to keep plants from growing into one another and use teepee type structures. Make sure we have at least one low growing plant between the taller growing plants, need to prune tomatoes to get a better yield. Don has worked out a seasonal location scheme. Don to document this. We need to have more trellises for the squash.

Educational/Outreach - Compost program to pursue with Div of Environmental Assistance & Outreach has returned Donna's inquiry. They want to educate on composting and compost guidelines (their terms). Perhaps contact other area community gardens to see if they would like to participate in such a workshop and utilize AHA to spread the word. Have such a workshop on a Saturday morning starting at 9 am. Propose dates October 12th or October 19th or October 26th. Donna created a Community Service Record Sheet for recording community service hours performed. Steve at TOM Parks & Ground Superintendent has bags (broken bags & dirt from Walmart) to donate to us. Donna in contact with

Steve. Jane to check with Atlantic Mulch to determine pricing and availability (would be beneficial as they provide in bags).

Treasury Report – Reported bank balance / bills paid / membership dues collected.

Equipment – We need a 300' extension cord for the weed eater / other electrical equipment.

Rob Smith was the tools & equipment coordinator has sent in his resignation due to time constraints. Need to determine officers required and job requirements/duties since those have changed since inception. Send Rob thank you note for two years of membership and participation.

Next meeting time & location:

Monday, September 23rd at 7 pm at Teaming for Technology (United Way of Wake County), 5151 McCrimmon Parkway, Suite 225, Morrisville.

Adjournment of meeting