Morgan Hill Community Garden Minutes   Tuesday, October 25, 2022   6:30 pm

LOCATION: MORGAN HILL COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL CENTER
Downtown at Monterey and Dunne Avenue in the Madrone Room.

Members:

John Jenkins	President 2023	Pat Day	Board Member. 2023
Mary Mansson	Vice-President 2023	Joe Elliott	Board Member 2023
Allen Palmer	Treasurer 2024	Daniel Armendariz	Board Member 2024
Mary Kellogg	Secretary 2024	Alex Simpliciano	Board Member 2023
		Martha O'Rourke	Board Member 2024

I.   Call Meeting To Order   6:30 pm   Mary Mansson, Vice President

II.   Adopt Agenda/September Minutes   Mary Mansson, Action

Motion to approve agenda and minutes by Joe, second by Allen. Approved.

III.   Hearing of Membership   Membership, 4 minutes

No members in attendance to speak.

IV. Reports

A. Financial Report   Allen Palmer, Action

The water bill went down to $212.56, porta potty $247.44

We received a notice by the City of MH that an annual back flow test that is required is needed. But Allen reminded them that we are a City park, so the City staff needs to do that.

Motion to accept the report by Daniel, second by Martha. Approved.

B. Oversight Report   Mary Kellogg, Info

Four gardeners were contacted regarding trimming or removing old plants and vegetables, trimming back to the plot edge, or starting a fall garden.

Motion to accept the report by Allen, second by Joe. Approved.

C. Work Day/ Pest Report   Kay Meyer, Info

All gardeners have completed their work days. One gardener had a serious family issue, so will be allowed to complete hers later.

We need 3-4 more traps because we have a lot of gopher activity.   A good trap closes up and traps the gopher. The ones at Ace and Home Depot are open and the critter can escape. Kay will work on get a trap, but they have been hard to locate, even online.

V.   Unfinished Business

A. Final Garden Policy Revisions   Mary Kellogg, Action

Pat motion to add a statement regarding emphasizing the use of email for garden communication and for gardeners to be sure they can check it regularly. Second by Mary K, Approved.

Pat made a motion to increase work day hours from four to six hours per registration with more flexible time increments and no reference to number of days. Second by Allen. Approved. Workday completion is by the last work day that is scheduled for the year.

B. Year-end financial report

We have a large balance, but we had $8,000 in grants this year which is unusual, late rentals, the T-shirts fundraiser. This is all one-time only money. John J was an aggressive grant writer and we may not see income like this again in the future. $11,500 is our regular income from registration, which will not cover our expenses for next year since our bills are going up (insurance, water, porte-potty, building materials, etc.). 2022 looked like a strong year, but we had no large projects and had many grants.

Pat offered that we could increase hours this year and increase fees next year, but is willing to consider the fee increase. Allen made a motion to have our gardening fee be $125 per plot in

2023, second by Martha. Joe commented that we might not have increase again next year if we balance income to expenses this year. Approved 7, 1 abstain.

       C.Pathway Decision   Allen Palmer, Action

We will wait until the November meeting. and act on the gravel pathway improvement then or in February/March. Mary K will contact Rob Holcomb to talk about the pathways info at the November meeting.

       D. Website/Facebook   Mary Mansson, Info

FaceBook- Mary M is leaving the board and Michelle Stifle will do Facebook updating, which will be her work day hours.

VI. New Business

       A. Demonstration Beds Report   Cindy and Nick (email)

       Demo Bed Report for the October MHCG Board meeting by Cindy and Nick:

The beds have been cleaned out and stakes removed from previous pepper beds. Three beds have been requested and allocated for the Master Gardener classes. Classes were conducted in September and October and the third bed will be used for a class to be conducted in November. Two beds are being prepped for spring planting of ornamentals to attract pollinators. Three beds remain available. There are no outstanding requests at this time for a demonstration bed project. There have ben no requests for reimbursements. Tiles to number the beds are being designed. The board discussed that no demonstration bed report is needed monthly and to notify us if they have new information to present,

       B. November election slate   Mary Kellogg

The ballot and candidate statements were presented to the Board. The slate is: President (Joe Elliott), Vice-President (Pat Day), and two regular board members (Alex Simpliciano and Rob Holcomb). Only two garden members wanted to be added on the ballot, so we will have eight board members in 2023 instead of the maximum of nine members. Since no positions are contests, there is no need for the election process and voting. Mary M made a motion to accept the slate of officers without having an election since there are no positions contested. Second by Pat. Approved. The officers will officially be announced at the November meeting.

       C. Experimental watering Proposal   Jeneel, Information

       Not in attendance, so no report. We will defer this issue until next year.

       D. Mulch and Munch.   Pat Day, Action

       Pat suggests we have an event to spread mulch the rest of the mulch before winter so we don't have muddy patches and so spring weeds don't take over. We discussed possible details and decided it will be on Nov 12. We will spread mulch from 10- 11 am. At 11 am Allen will BBQ in the green egg. Mary K will send out an email to all gardeners about Mulch and Munch and ask for a reply to sign up. Joe and Alex will supervise spreading. Allen will handle the food.

VII.   Next Meeting Agenda. (November 15)   Mary K, Info

Gravel pathways, email report from composter committee, no election but announce 2023 officers.

Motion Mary M, second by Joe. Approved.

VIII. Adjournment   regular meeting   8:00 Mary Mansson, Action Item