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Morgan Hill Community Garden Minutes

Tuesday, November 15, 2022 6:30 pm

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

Members:

Acting President/VP Mary Mansson 2023	Pat Day	Board Member. 2023
Allen Palmer Treasurer 2024	Joe Elliott	Board Member 2023
Mary Kellogg Secretary 2024	Daniel Armendariz	Board Member 2024
Alex Simpliciano Board Member 2023	Martha O'Rourke	Board Member 2024

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

II. Adopt November Agenda/October Minutes Mary Mansson, Action.

Motion to accept agenda and Oct. Minutes by Allen, second by Joe. Approved unanimously.

III. Reports

A. Financial Report.

Allen Palmer

1. Allen discussed the payment for the preparation of our new website by Mark and Betty Jones, including the initial out of pocket expenses for systems fees.

Pat made a motion to approve waiving the Jone's registration fees for 2023 in exchange for their set up, installation, and maintenance of the website. Second by Mary M. Approved unanimously.

2. John applied for a grant from AAUW. We have a chance of getting the grant. Pat suggests we take more pictures of our activities and put them on the website since grant reviewers check websites for information about the organization.

B. Oversight Report

Mary Kellogg

No report this month, but Mary requested guidelines on what to expect in November of our gardeners so we will know what needs to be communicated to individual gardeners. The discussion resulting in the information that the plots need to be planted with new plants, aisles clear, removal of old plants, and commitment to 12 month gardening. Gardeners can come to the gardening classes to get more information on year-round gardening.

C. Pest Report

Kay Meyer, Info

Kay ordered 3 more gopher traps that are working well. 4 gophers have been caught.

Motion to accept the report by Daniel, second by Allen. Approved unanimously.

D. Composting Report

Jeff Reid

1. Jeff noted that the bins #1 and #2 are getting full. (Mary started a pile of cuttings in the area where John Jenkins left some items to the west side of the compost bins in the field to give gardeners an idea of where to put things when the bins are full.)

2. The grinder needs a repair and he is in the process of getting the \$20 part and then will fix it. He will do more grinding when the grinder is fixed.

3. Bin #3 currently had soil ready to use. Bins #4 and #5 are "cooking" and not ready. #6 has nothing in it except old trash cans, etc. (Since the meeting more work has been done and soil moved.)

Pat suggests a new tarp is needed to keep the grinder in better shape.

IV. Unfinished Business

A. Mulch and Munch report

Pat Day

Pat said about 25 people attended. There's more mulch to spread still and gardeners are welcome to continue working on that on their own. Thanks to Allen and Cindy for the food to Joe and Alex for the mulching part. Pat suggested that a tractor would spread the mulch easier if gardeners have access to a tractor/tractor driver we can use. People got together and socialized. People do want to help and want to get together. Thanks to those who brought a dish to share. Maybe this can be repeated often to get more weeding and other special work completed.

B. Pathway Discussion

Allen Palmer, Action

Joe says we should wait to finish plans until the new board has a chance to discuss this. Allen and Pat thought we should start now since we have been talking about this for many months. Rob can add to our discussion in January. Joe recalled us needing 1/4 minus rock. The total area could be \$17,000 and it needs to be dumped and spread. We have some money from the grant, but not that much. We discussed getting a truck to drop off gravel in the main square area for a tractor to spread it. The narrow pathway by shed might not be drivable. The City will not supply or work on this (or the parking lot). Mary suggests we discuss this in Jan or Feb and determine when the work will start. For now all gardeners need to help keep weeds in the pathways chopped down. Allen made a motion to buy more hoes for work day weeding to not to exceed \$100, second by Pat. Approved with 1 abstaining. Weeding can be started by gardeners for work day credit to get ahead on the work day time. (6 hours required next year)

V. New Business

A. 2023 officers announced

Mary Kellogg, Information

(no election needed as all potential candidates were placed on the board)

The candidates placed on the Board are:

President (Joe Elliott), Vice-President (Pat Day)

Two regular board members (Alex Simpliciano and Rob Holcomb).

Board members continuing their terms are:

Treasurer (Allen Palmer), Secretary (Mary Kellogg)

Regular board members (Daniel Armendariz and Martha O'Rourke)

VII. Next Meeting Agenda (January).

Mary K, Discussion

Financial report, Registration update (registration materials to be sent out about December 10), pathways work, set calendar for 2023, set reporting methods for monthly reports, and extra reports from time to time, etc.

VIII. Adjournment

7:15 Mary Mansson, Action Item