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Morgan Hill Community Garden Minutes
Tuesday, October 24, 2023 6:30 pm

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

Members:

Joe Elliott	President 2025	Daniel Armendariz	Board Member 2024
Pat Day	Vice-President 2025	Martha O'Rourke	Board Member 2024
Mary Kellogg	Secretary 2024	Alex Simpliciano	Board Member 2025
Allen Palmer	Treasurer 2024	Rob Holcomb	Board Member 2025
		Kay Meyer	Board Member 2024

I. Call Meeting To Order/announcements 6:30 pm Joe Elliott, President

II. Adopt Current Agenda/Previous Minutes Joe Elliott, Action

Motion to adopt agenda and minutes by Rob, second by Allen. Approved unanimously.

III. Hearing of Membership Membership (None)

IV. Reports

A. Financial Reports Allen Palmer, Action

Income: \$0

Expenditures: \$185 Compactor/trees, \$215 water bill, \$247 Porta-Potty, \$68 Special projects (demo plot supplies) Total expenditures \$715. Total Account Balance \$22,183

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

B. Oversight Report Mary Kellogg, Action

Mary reported that gardeners who are leaving were notified of policy to clear plots for new gardeners to take over. Another sign regarding placement of plant cuttings (in wooden compost bins or out in the field). Gardeners are still leaving plants on the ground by the compost bin, however.

Motion to accept report by Alex, second by Daniel. Approved unanimously.

C. Work Day Report Kay Meyer, Action

All gardeners have completed their six hours except 2 in ADA the plots. One will make up two hours next year after recovering from a medical emergency. The one who has no hours in is liable to not have a plot next year. There can be an appeal to the board at next meeting after the notification, with exploring ideas for that person to do to completed six hours in a year. It would be good to complete some hours to have the intent to participate.

Motion to accept report by Pat, second by Alex. Approved unanimously.

V. Unfinished Business

A. Projects- Pathways/ wood chips Rob Holcomb, Discussion

A couple of gardeners used their work days to spread gray fines. Now it is time to spread the wood chip piles out in the field to prevent weeds from popping up. The person who spread them last year for \$350 when the pathways were first prepared might do it. Pat moved that Rob make the contact for the person to spread the chips before the rain for an amount not to exceed \$400 with a second by Kay. Approved unanimously, Note: Joe said compacting the moist gold fines with the compactor worked very well and made the pathway very hard. Daniel says we should invest in some equipment for the benefit of the garden. Perhaps OSA grant is available. AAUW grant is another possible source. Another option for AAUW is a grant that benefits girls or women groups for \$1000. An option is to have a Girl Scouts group come back with that grant money.

B. Garden Year Dates

Joe Elliott, Action

Garden Policies February 1- January 31st. We will leave the dates as they are for 2024. On about December 15, registration information goes out. Mary will send out emails to notify gardeners when their check, registration, Zelle have come in, but they won't be cashed or processed until January.

VI. New Business

A Composting at MHCG

Kay Meyer, Discussion

Shane Rawlins might do some composting for us. There is the possibility of more use of green bins if we can't keep up with the composting need. Some compost can go in the new beds or vacant beds that need soil. Jeff Reid and Sara can be asked again. Joe will also do some composting. Daniel can do some occasionally.

B. Garden Policies Document

Mary Kellogg, Action

The updates which includes plot fees, plot allotment, work hours, gardening year dates, and other changes were discussed at the September meeting to be approved in October.

Pat made a motion to accept 2024 Garden Policies, second by Rob. Joe agrees that is what we discussed during this year for changes for 2024. Approved unanimously.

D. 2024 Election Slate/process

Mary K, Discussion

The slate was presented to the board. No ballot is needed, and no election is needed since no positions are contested. Everyone who replied to the email requesting to be on the board has a position. Martha made a motion to accept all board candidates on the slate since all positions are uncontested, with a second by Daniel. Approved. (1 absent)

VII. Next Meeting (January or February) Agenda Mary K, Discussion

Election announcement-November 14 at 6:30 pm, Joe's report on the OSA tour, wood chips and pathways, composting,

(January: get grants scheduled on our calendar: OSA, AAUW, Sakata, City and other organizations to talk about for next year. Perhaps Chelsea can do some of the writing. Grants written by John in the past can be forwarded to Chelsea.)

VIII. Adjournment

7:26 Joe Elliott, Action Item