

Minutes  
General Meeting of the Napili Community Garden  
July 19, 2014 – 8:00 a.m.

Meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m. Board and garden members present were Taressa, Josie, Brenda, Floyd, Keith, Jai, Jamie, Freddie and his wife, Sylvia, Dwayne, and Charlie.

Taressa chaired the meeting.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

To cultivate a community rooted in sustainability by providing a place for cooperative organic gardening.

**Financials and Membership**

- Floyd reported a beginning balance of \$15,265.83.
- \$300.00 collected from plot sales, along with a \$30 check.
- Expenditures included \$374.00 for the water bill, \$869.52 for rent, and \$449.94 for irrigation parts. The ending balance in the bank account was \$13,759.95
- Josie reported that there were no new plot sales last month. There are 118 plots in the garden and only about a half a dozen left.

**Old Business**

- Toilet: The portable toilet has been delivered and the cost is \$125.00 every four weeks. It is up by the gate and hopefully we will have a sink hooked up as well.
- Food Bank – Freddie indicated that bananas were given to Feed my Sheep.
- Taressa and Brenda have been working on revisions to the Rules and ByLaws. They have been sent to Board Members for review and feedback. Emails to go to Brenda regarding feedback.
- Gary and Lisa have indicated they will work on the project of tracking work hours. Jaye and Mark will help with letters to gardeners as part of the Compliance Committee. We talked about the fact that notifications need to be sent to gardeners with plots that are being neglected.

**New/Other Business**

- We talked about water use throughout the garden. It was noted that it is important for people to stay within the guidelines that are posted so that all gardeners have enough water pressure at all times.
- A discussion followed about putting a relief valve in the orchard so that the overflow valve up the hill does not shoot water in the air. The water will instead go into the orchard. We also discussed the possibility of having a shut off valve between the hours

of perhaps 7:00 or 8:00 p.m. until 4:00 a.m. so we won't lose water unnecessarily in the event of irrigation breaks or people who might leave water on, etc.

- The garden will also need a micron filter, as well as some 4 x 4's and 2 x 4's for the sink at the outhouse.
- The relief valve for the orchard will be about \$600, the shut off valve about \$185, and we don't have a price for the filter yet. We discussed the fact that all four items, the relief valve, the shut off valve, the micron filter and the wood would be approximately \$1,000.00. **Voted on and approved.**
- A question was asked about the best time to run the drip systems. Right now, the only bad time would be right after people get off work. This seems to be the time we have had water pressure issues. If a shut off valve is installed, all gardeners will be notified so that they can adjust their drip systems.
- The self composting toilet down the hill doesn't look like it is ever going to get together. It was not set up properly in the beginning to accommodate the number of gardeners that we have. We are quite a bit over capacity. It has also been difficult to locate parts for the toilet. A vote was taken on whether or not to sell the self composting toilet. **Approved.**
- Monchai indicated that he needed more drip line and it would be about \$40.00. He is still within his \$100 allotment.
- We talked a little about the Master Gardener Tour in October. We will focus on getting the garden looking good prior to a visit by a Master Gardener group. There are several people already working hard on clearing berms and weed whacking common areas. We will try to identify some projects that will beautify the garden, perhaps around the entrance gate, in preparation for the visit.
- Work hours were discussed. It was noted that gardeners working in the Food Bank plots can count that toward community time. A question was raised about whether or not hours can carry over. For instance, if you work 10 hours, can that cover five months. The feeling is that if someone is going to be off island or unavailable for a month or so, it might be possible to do a month in advance, however, participating on one big project will not cover a person's community work hours for a whole year. Many gardeners routinely give more than two hours per month to community projects.
- Jai asked if there were individual projects that can be assigned since, "some gardeners don't get along with other gardener's." The answer is yes, projects will be available for teams, as well as individuals.
- Sylvia shared that we should work on better communication with gardeners. We are working toward that with newsletters, postings etc., but there is always room for improvement. We talked about having a map that shows plots and various projects that are ongoing.
- Freddie indicated that there is garbage on his plants that are in an area that is designated community and food bank. This area is a project that already exists and is ongoing; however, another gardener wanted a part of it and did put the garbage in

Freddie's spot. We will work with her to find a spot that she can use from an open area such as a berm or an empty plot. She cannot, however, take part of Freddie's.

- A motion was made to lay out existing projects and to also identify open areas so that gardeners know what is going on. It is important for gardeners to know what areas are designated food bank and what areas are designated community garden areas and who is in charge of each of these areas.
  
- The next meeting is scheduled for August 23rd at 8:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 a.m.