

Minutes
General Meeting of the Napili Community Garden
July 25, 2015 – 9:00 a.m.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. Board and garden members present were Taressa, Angela, Sylvia, Lisa, Gary, Jean, Dwayne, Doug, Joseph, Brenda, Larry, Freddie and Josie.

Taressa chaired the meeting.

MISSION STATEMENT

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

Financials and Membership

- Angela gave the financial report and passed the spreadsheet around for review. Very little income was received last month.
 - We put in for some larger expenses for tools, valves, pipes, etc.
 - Angela reported that no bill was received from ML&P this month, so Taressa will follow up with them.
 - Angela shared that Judy Anderson from Tri-Isle has contacted us about the Salunga family. They had requested a refund back in 2012 and four checks were issued in the amount of \$25.00 each. Three of the four checks were cashed, but the fourth is still outstanding. Tri-Isle would like to void the check and close that account out. It was noted that they need a letter from us stating that it is okay to void the last \$25.00 check and close out the account.
 - Robert's project by the shed: Home Depot reactivated the invoice for the project so the materials could be picked up, but then the price was different (\$6.00 less) so Home Depot cancelled the order and sent the check back to Tri-Isle. We will look for a local supplier for the materials for the share area and the gate.
- Membership: Sylvia reported that there were two plots assigned in June and she was able to remove seven from the wait list. However, we added seven new people to the wait list, so the wait list still has 16 people on it. No plots reassigned yet.
 - Sylvia shared that she will not be the membership person any longer after today and feels she will be more productive outside of the Board. Angela thanked her for her efforts and noted that it is a unique situation with membership and plot management positions.
- We had a discussion regarding accepting funds. Angela asked whether we want plot managers to collect money for community work hours, or perhaps the membership person or the treasurer. Lisa (plot manager) would prefer that the treasurer accepts the money, but this may not work since the treasurer reports the money, but doesn't keep records of who pays what for which plot. The treasurer position is already time consuming just handling the money going out, as well as the reports. The money in and

money out should probably be two different people. It was reiterated that we should never collect cash, and we further discussed how to accept money. People can still send it to the PO Box and we talked about perhaps putting a lock box in the garden shed somewhere.

Business

- Plot Management: Lisa reported that people have been more active now that we are enforcing the rules and procedures, and one person who has two plots is giving up one, so that will be available soon. Lisa asked for a Board consultation after the meeting.
 - Joseph brought up an issue about garden responsibilities since he has surgery scheduled in August. He will be unable to tend his garden for a couple of months and we let him know that we will hold his plot. He also asked about soil and it was shared that most garden members purchase their organic soils.
- It was reported that two weed whacker classes have been completed and there is a list of the members who are authorized to use them. Doug covered necessary features, safety and how to use the logs. A question was raised if the weed whackers can be used to perform community hours. Yes
 - We are looking for someone to serve as the contact person and is willing to fill gas cans with the appropriate mix for the weed whackers.
 - Taressa shared that Christian Marshall is a member of the garden now. He is a former Shindawa representative and will be a great resource for the weed whackers. It was discussed that he should be added to the list of people authorized to use the tool.
- Food Bank: The collection last Thursday resulted in 629 pounds for Feed My Sheep. The donation included star fruit, papayas, lots of bananas, peppers and tapioca. It was decided that we need to notify garden members when there will a collection for the Thursday pick up and also notify if one is cancelled. Both Sylvia and another gardener shared through Taressa that Feed my Sheep also has a truck that comes up by the garden each Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. They will take any produce in any amount and you just need to brush off the dirt.
- Freddie shared that he is cultivating lots of bananas, dragon fruit and mangosteen in the community plots. Next year, everyone should be able to enjoy them. Several people shared that mangosteen has lots of health benefits such as addressing pain and inflammation.
- We talked about the backhoe project. Charlie has been off island on and off and busy with a family emergency, so he hasn't had much garden time. In addition, the gravel man has not had any available time to deliver gravel. No hurry, once Charlie, backhoe and gravel available we will proceed.
- We talked about the mulch over by the parking area and perhaps putting signs out to indicate what should be used.

- A question was asked about the “abandoned” van in the parking area since we don’t have an awful lot of parking. It was shared that the van serves as a “deterrent” to outside folks entering the garden.
- We will have a “blessing” for the expansion of the garden, probably in a few months. Ananda will be handling the arrangements and will guide us on what is socially appropriate. Perhaps we can have some type of social activity for everyone at the same time.
- The cane grass is too much for the weed whackers to cut down. It may be necessary to coordinate a couple of work days for people to help dig it out.
- Joseph shared that he had an opportunity to meet the mayor during a Taxpayers Association meeting. He indicated that the mayor has an agenda to only use what is made or produced on Maui.

- There next General Meeting: Date and time to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 a.m.