

Minutes  
General Meeting of the Napili Community Garden  
June 20, 2015 – 9:00 a.m.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. Board and garden members present were Taressa, Angela, Sylvia, Jean, Dwayne, Doug, Adam, Joe, Brenda and Larry.

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. The beginning balance was \$17,357.32 and the ending balance was \$15,783.42.
  - Expenses included the new weed whackers, hand tools, mailbox fee, water and portable toilet rental.
  - Angela noted that we need to make sure that people make their checks out to Tri Isle, rather than Napili Community Garden.
- There was a question about the weed whackers and how to go about using them. Doug will be giving a couple of classes and once a person has taken the class, they can use them.
- We discussed the various food bank organizations. We currently give to Feed My Sheep, and “Auntie B” is keeping a log for what we give. We talked a little about other local organization such as Cup of Cold Water and also the PAR program, which is “Plant a Row” for the hungry.
- Sylvia will contact PAR for more information. Row crops such as carrots and beets are good crops for charity.
- Robert is working on the share area for the side of the shed. It will have baskets, banana hooks, etc.
- It was reported that Feed my Sheep received 500 pounds this month. They pick every two to three weeks for Feed my Sheep.

**Business**

- Lisa and Gary do the plot management. Lisa is asking for a helper. She also asked that we pass the word that we really want people to do their two hours of community work per plot, rather than pay. She shared the current list of gardeners that owe money and/or time.
  - All gardeners need to be accountable for their paths and their perimeters. They need to make sure to write their community hours in the log book. She asked us

all to pay attention to our neighbor gardeners and help out with information, etc.

- Discussed ideas to help new gardeners. Currently, Sylvia does a first orientation. A suggestion was made that it would be nice to have some sort of directory of the gardeners and maybe even some pictures in a private, secure place to help identify new gardeners, as well as help new gardeners identify existing gardeners. We all need to make sure to say “hi” and welcome new gardeners that we see.
- Membership. We currently have 17 people on the waiting list, and have assigned one new plot. We talked about the expansion and if there will be individual plots available. It was indicated that we are not sure at this time what it will look like and how many individual plots will be available for people on the waiting list.
- It was reported that Charlie got another donation of four loads of gravel and it will be dropped off at the garden. The backhoe has been in the shop, but Charlie will coordinate moving around the gravel once it has been delivered and the backhoe is available.
- Tools: Weed whackers will be locked up and only available to people who have taken the class. Other tools will be marked that belong to the garden. We have a few tools on backorder and we also talked about the need for a fruit picker.
- Doug will review the manual and coordinate the week whacker class.
- We approved invoices for Dwayne for replenishment of the shed parts and basic hook up parts for the expansion area. Dwayne has located a filter that will protect the lines and equipment in the garden. Motion made by Brenda to approve the irrigation filter, seconded by Lisa. Unanimous. Gary volunteered to clean the filter once a week.
- We talked about maybe having Enoki walk the garden with Dwayne and providing some insight or recommendation regarding the water. Enoki works at the irrigation place and Dwayne has talked with him informally before. There is still a serious lack of water to the gardens on the hill, no water, low pressure, etc. It is very frustrating for everyone that gardens on the hill above the shed.
- Communal Garden: We had a lengthy discussion about the possibility of having a communal type garden with people that are currently on the waiting list that might be interested. Discussion points included:
  - Location of the communal area. Talked about the area across the road from the shed. Decided this would be a good area to use initially.
  - How will it work? After much discussion about costs and fees by all members present, it was decided that it might be best to try a \$30.00 fee for the remainder of the year. This fee would be \$10.00 for membership in the garden and \$20.00 would go into a “pot” so the communal group could purchase seeds, stakes, soil or whatever they might feel they need.
  - It was felt that the individuals that are part of the communal garden should be responsible for two hours of community work just like every other plot holder.
  - Everyone felt the communal garden should have some type of resource person to help coordinate a meeting and assist with questions, etc. Taressa

recommended Josie, Ananda or Antonio and will follow up with them to see if they are interested.

- It was decided that Sylvia would reach out to the individuals on the waiting list and see who might be interested in participating in a communal garden. This is somewhat of an experiment to see how well a communal garden will work in general.
  - People on the waiting list will not lose their spot in line for an individual garden.
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- There next General Meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 18, 2015, time to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 a.m.