

Minutes
General Meeting of the Napili Community Garden
May 16, 2015 – 9:00 a.m.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. Board and garden members present were Taressa, Josie, Angela, Sylvia, Freddie, Primrose, Jean, Dwayne, Doug, Ed, Sasha, Ananda, Joe and other garden members.

Thank you to Joe for taking minutes!

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 indicated that everything is paid for and up to date.
- “Auntie B” is keeping a log for the Food Bank.
- Freddie keeps track of food that is ready for Food Bank, and harvest for members. Freddie is a forester in the farming business. He knows a great deal about soil, planting etc. and is a good resource.
- Talked about Food Bank. Wednesday night is share night and to go over what is ready for Thursday Food Bank run. We need to make sure any food that is to be donated is clean and free of bugs. Share night will be Wednesday nights from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. We will go over who shares what with whom and what will go to the Food Bank.

Business

- Facebook – Napili Community Garden. Jean will help with the information and informing members what is up in the garden. An idea was brought up about posting the newsletter on Facebook.
- Jean will work with Api on what is needed, weeding and work that needs to be done.
- Ananda brought up an idea about signs, such as where we could put them and where things are located.
- Membership. Four more people have been added to the waiting list and one has been assigned a plot.
- Discussed ideas to help both new gardeners, as well as those who are established. New gardeners who are starting up might benefit from a mentor assigned to assist them with their plot. Other ideas discussed included an additional orientation as a refresher for people. It was noted that sometimes gardeners, both new and established, forget some of the rules and procedures in the garden. This orientation could be given on a quarterly basis if needed. Taressa will take to Linda Castro about doing this as part of

Education. Another idea was to post the services that trusted gardeners provide for a fee, such as the roto-tilling done by Charlie.

- Question about when we will be renting a backhoe to do work. Charlie suggested how to fix the road in front and the parking lot. We need a list of things to do so the time is well spent. We will move the compost pile to the other lot when ready. Charlie suggested one work day, and needs help from members – gravel, rentals – earmarked \$2,000.00 for work.
- Discussion about locking gate. Fix the gate, compost and road are priorities.
- Weedeaters are in. We need someone to show how to use equipment, etc. and share the lock combination as needed.
- Question about whether or not there can be co-gardeners. Discussed an idea to meet about the ByLaws. We need to inform members on rules and what is expected from all members. Talked about co-gardeners and who is doing the work, writing down the hours, etc. Honor system.
- Linda is working on maps for the garden.
- All co-gardeners need to sign a Liability Waiver.
- Talked about the new area of the garden. Will the plots be communal, community, individual plots? Taressa presented her plan for the development of the expansion area. The road to the cachements will be finished first. Bananas will grow on the berms around the area and work as a windbreak. She indicated that none of this is a priority at this present time.
- Josie will take over the notice board. Thank you Josie.

- There next General Meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 a.m.