

Minutes  
General Meeting of the Napili Community Garden  
November 1, 2014 – 8:00 a.m.

Meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m. Board and garden members present were Taressa, Josie, Jim Q., Angela, Freddie, Dwayne, Sylvia, Dave 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**

- Floyd was unable to attend, so Taressa reported on the financials. She indicated that our expenditures included \$324.68 for the water bill and \$4,600.00 for rent.
- Josie reported that we had one new membership last month. We discussed some of the questionable plots and how to handle them. One in particular we have had no communication with and no dues have been paid. It was agreed we would rent it out for a price of \$5.00 for the remainder of the year.

**Food Bank**

- Food Bank – There were donations of eggplants and bananas on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was shared that carrots and taro have been planted in one of the new Food Bank plots.
- We talked about the drip tape needed for the Food Bank plot(s). There is about 1,000 feet left.

**Rules and Bylaws**

- Angela asked for clarification on changes to the Rules and Bylaws. Taressa shared that we made minor changes so that the document flows better and is clear to the readers. We outlined duties of the various offices or committee heads. In addition, most everything that involves smoking, alcohol, etc. is included in the behavior sections. We do not want to chase people around and police them.
- **The new Rules and Bylaws were reviewed and voted on by those in attendance. Unanimous vote, nobody opposed.**

**Business**

- A discussion was had regarding overnight camping. Napili Community Garden is a “members only” garden and all guests must have waivers. Since we are also a “dawn to dusk” garden, overnight camping would not be allowed. We did talk about having a barbeque after hours. We would need to clear a grill/barbeque with ML&P and the grill or barbeque would most likely need to be removed after the event.

- Taressa shared that Lisa and Gary are working on compliance letters. They are looking at gardens. Everyone needs to keep their gardens tended, paths cleared, and be up to date on dues and fees by the end of the year. This will be important in the renewal process for gardeners.
- Jimmy asked when they might be surveying. He has heard that realtors are calling people interested in housing. It seems that State money has been released and they may move forward with building now. It is ML&P's responsibility to build the catchment.
- Taressa shared that the Master Gardeners did not do any of the West Side tours. Local Master Gardeners may come at a later date and perhaps do classes, etc.
- We talked about renewal letters for 2015 (Brenda to draft renewal letter). There was a discussion about plot fees and whether or not 20' x 20's should be twice as much or 50% more than 10 x 20's, and/or if two 10 x 20's side by side should be less. The water for last year was about \$6,000.00 and toilet is \$125.00 every four weeks. After discussion and a vote, it was unanimous to leave the plot fees as is for 2015.
- We discussed buying a tiller and new weed eaters. It would need to be a more commercial type of weed eater. If we purchase a tiller, users would need to be trained on how to handle it properly and safely, covered toe shoes, etc. Only people trained would be able to use it.
- We discussed the need for a simple first aid kit in the garden shed. Jimmy Q. to get a list together and the Board will okay it.
- Perhaps we can re-purpose the old toilet as a shed.
- Dave will be working on a new tool list. It will include some 3' landscape rakes, which everyone agreed would be helpful.
- An Election Committee was discussed for next year's Board elections. Sylvia to work on some ideas for the election committee, how to structure, etc.
- There was a discussion about garden expansion – do we want to push into second piece of property that is about 3 acres? Make it a communal area? Suggestions for expansion? We may be eligible for money for expansion. We're requesting additional funds. We will need to think through membership issues, physical issues, etc. It was noted that we do still have a waiting list for 20' x 20' plots.
- The next General Meeting is scheduled for December 13th at 8:00 a.m., probably at the coffee shop since weather might be a factor.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:50 a.m.