

Minutes
General Meeting of the Napili Community Garden
September 27, 2014 – 8:00 a.m.

Meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m. Board and garden members present were Taressa, Josie, Brenda, Keith, Tammy, Api 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 we had a beginning balance of \$12,225.49 and \$228.51 in the cash box.
- Expenditures included \$487.05 for the water bill, \$486.87, and \$750.82 for berm replacement items, as well as other previously approved allowances. The ending balance in the bank account was \$10,810.00, but the \$125.00 for the toilet maintenance was not out yet.
- Josie reported that just one plot remains, and there is currently a waiting list for 20 x 20's.

Business

- Food Bank – Josie indicated she was compiling receipts for food bank donations and didn't have totals for September, but said she knew that on September 11th bananas and papayas were given by Freddie.
- The berm line was approved, as well as pricing out a "lean to." We discussed conducting special meetings by email by sending questions out to everyone and compiling the answers. This will help if we have no quorum present at a meeting.
- Taressa will send another email regarding our lease.
- By Laws will be sent out and will be up for approval at the next General Meeting, currently scheduled for November 1st.
- We reviewed the letter that Taressa did regarding areas of the garden that need work to be given to garden members. It can address the condition of the plot, the perimeter areas around a gardener's plot or work hours that need to be completed or paid for. The Compliance Committee will be inspecting plots every month.
- **ATTENTION: We talked about the Master Gardener Tour in October. It is scheduled for October 25th from 11:45 a.m. until 12:45 p.m.**
 - Everyone should focus on getting their own gardens and the surrounding areas looking good prior to the visit by the Master Gardener group.

- There are several people already working hard on clearing berms and weed whacking common areas. Freddie and his team are working around the entrance and on the berms.
- There will be approximately 50 to 60 people on the garden tour.
- Taressa indicated she would see if a representative from Tri Isle and ML&P would like to be present during the tour.
- Taressa will determine if we will be providing refreshments or perhaps a box lunch. Volunteers may be needed to help depending on what we will be providing.
- Projects for work hours will be posted on the board in/on the shed (new white boards in the shed need to be put up). Freddie and Mon Chai can help people with food bank projects. The orchard needs to be weeded.
- We again 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.
 - We talked about ideas for a “policy fix” and/or a “mechanical fix” such as a restrictor valve above the lower gardens so the lines on the hill do not drain out completely.
 - Dwayne has been working on the water line and is in need of posts to stabilize the water line on the hill. ML&P does not currently have extra funds, so the Garden may need to cover these small expenses.
 - We discussed the flooding that goes on in the lower gardens and also working on having less puddling at the bottom.
- It was shared that Mon Chai suggested purchasing a nice tiller and instructing people on how to use it. They would need to avoid water lines, etc. A good tiller is about \$1,000.00 and a small tiller is approximately \$500.00. We discussed if there should be a charge to use it.
- Api and Tammy asked about planting banana trees on the triangle by their 10 x 20 gardens. It was explained that this is a community area and the bananas would belong to everyone and that 10 x 20 plots have not been slated for trees because it shades other gardens.
- We talked about having a nice “share area” by the sink. Perhaps move in the direction of a cooperative garden.
- The next General Meeting is scheduled for November 1st at 8:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:05 a.m.