

Minutes
General Meeting of the Napili Community Garden
April 18, 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, Keith, Jean, Dwayne, Tammy, Paula Linda, Joe, Brenda, Larry, Api, and Doug. Several other gardeners joined as the meeting progressed.

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 reported a beginning balance of \$16,590.71 and an ending balance of \$17,460.94 as of March 31, 2015.
- Angela shared that the prior issue we had with Rainbow Rental (the portable toilet) has been resolved. Rainbow said they did not receive the check that Tri-Isle processed on 2-27-2015, but it turned out that Rainbow had credited the payment to the wrong account. We are in good standing now. It was noted that we cannot pay in advance since Tri Isle only accepts current bills to be paid, not future.
- Angela indicated that she has the food bank receipts and that 375 pounds were donated. Sylvia would like to post something in the shed so gardeners can see what we donate. Angela said that “Auntie B” has an itemized list.
- It appears that all plots have been paid except two. These plots are owned by partners and each thought the other had paid.
- It was reported that all funds are in the cash box or have been deposited and accounted for.
- As far as membership, Sylvia shared that she has been following up with people, one she is in contact with regarding community work hours, etc. and another where the plot appears to be abandoned. She will work on a letter to send on behalf of the garden to see if they still want the plot or should it be reassigned.
- Sylvia has a colored plot map that indicated paid plots, community plots, etc.
- There was a discussion about Plot A4 and a couple of others that have paid, but do not appear to be worked at all. Gary and Lisa are working on a method of contacting these people to advise them that according to ByLaws, they must take care of the plot.

Business

- We talked a little about different projects. Taressa to coordinate with Board Members individually about different projects, paperwork, etc. She asked Board Members to

write down or record in some way what they are working on if it is more than two hours per month.

- We have not made much progress on tools, so Dwayne will begin looking into it. Landscape rakes are a specific item that people have requested. We talked quite a bit about purchasing commercial weed eaters. We have priced a few, and after some research it appears landscapers on the island favor Shindaiwa's. They hold up for a long time. They will have to be locked up until people know how to use them. There were no objections to commercial weed eaters. Under \$1,000.00 for both would be good.
- There was an idea about red tags and green tags on tools that are or are not working. Sheldon has offered to keep out tools sharp and clean. This would count toward community hours for him.
- We will add to the spare parts in the shed as needed.
- Dwayne is working on estimates for the water in the garden expansion area. It will probably run around \$1,500.00 to get the main irrigation pipes, fitting, etc.
- We had a discussion about water in general. The original 4" pipes that were installed (not by the garden) were not primed properly so the glue is not sticking.
- We were told that the newer line on the berm for bananas uses less water. It was noted that no public areas should be watered at peak times.
- We also asked that the lower gardens/gardeners be considerate of the water because it is draining the lines in the upper garden when hoses are left to run during peak hours.
- Sylvia asked a question about using sprinklers. It was noted they need to be used outside of peak watering times as well.
- Compost – There was an offer to add organic green horse manure to our compost pile for \$75.00. This would significantly speed up the compost time. A motion was made to approve the horse manure, seconded and approved.
- Robert was unable to attend, so Josie shared that he will move forward with the sharing area. It is still approved.
- Food Bank – Early Thursday morning food goes to the Food Bank. We talked about Keith putting out an electronic post to gardeners about coming to help clean and cut the produce and get it ready to go. It was shared that Feed My Sheep uses funds from the produce we donate that they sell to run their refrigerators, buy gas for the trucks, buy meat, etc.
- Perimeter area has squash and bananas. Jean is willing to work to clarify the community areas.
- There was a big "thank you" to Josie for all of her previous work on behalf of and in the garden, and also to Api for his work as Project Manager.
- There was a discussion about re-instituting community plots where people can have a membership to work in the community plot and harvest from it. It was clarified that these would not be personal plots.
- Taressa shared that she receives lots of good information about Boards, useful grants, etc. Outreach in the community is important and we have to continue to work on that.

- We talked about the fact that the original plan for the garden was to serve 300 West Maui households. We currently only represent 74. Money for water, tools, toilet, etc. is generated by paid plots. There was some discussion about ecotourism as well. Taressa shared that we still have a \$1,000.00 grant.
- We discussed the fact that perhaps we should further clarify the ByLaws.
- Other ideas: A holding tank for water. This may not be cost effective and ML&P would have to approve it. There was a question about someone that might want to keep bees. It's a good idea for pollination, but there could be liability issues, they wouldn't necessarily be able to sell the honey, and people could be allergic. Another idea was to try and reach out and perhaps help our senior community more.

- There next General Meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 a.m.