

Minutes
General Meeting of the Napili Community Garden
January 16, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.

Meeting called to order at 9:10 a.m. Board and garden members present were Taressa, Brenda, Gary, Lisa, Josie, Linda, Charlie, Dwayne, Terry, and Marie.

Taressa chaired the meeting.

MISSION STATEMENT

To cultivate a community rooted in sustainability by providing a place for cooperative organic gardening.

Financials

- Taressa gave the financial report and passed the spreadsheets around for review. It was noted that the spreadsheets did not yet include renewal information.
- So far, 53 plots have been paid.

Membership

- Lisa reported that there are enough plots for everyone on the waiting list, and she is working down the list.
- Ballots will go out in February, and the Orchard List will go out with the ballot.

Business

- Food Bank: 1,190 pounds donated right before New Year's. We are hoping to hit 2,000 pounds of food per month in 2016 donated to the Food Bank.
- Water: There was a water problem last week. The problem was identified and the water is back on. We talked about purchasing some extra parts for back up, as well as discussed purchasing a load of 2" pipe.
- The upper water filter is shaded, but the other one is in the sun. We most likely need to shelter it from UV rays to protect it.
- We talked about reducing the Board to five Board Members and then expand the "helper list". Some people have indicated a desire to volunteer and help, but not be considered an active Board Member.
- Taressa shared that we are looking for a volunteer to handle the elections. She will talk with Keith, and put out an announcement. We will need to get the ballots prepared.
- Charlie talked about the need to get some additional things done. Instead of waiting for the possibility of buying a backhoe or obtaining one through a grant, he felt we should rent one instead. Hawaiian Cement is delivering a load of gravel/dirt and it will need to be spread out. We will see about renting a backhoe and perhaps talk to some of the

larger companies about maybe donating one. Again it was stressed that we need proper paperwork for any money that goes out for a backhoe.

- We talked about the grants and the fact that Nancy may pursue a grant, but we may not be able to wait that long for a backhoe. It was decided we would look for a rental backhoe and get some bids and also follow up with Nancy. Charlie indicated he needed a Cat or John Deere 420, 4 x 4, 4 in 1 rented.
- We again discussed whether or not we would need a permit for a new shed if we purchase or obtain a backhoe. If the shed is open, most likely a permit would not be needed.
- We talked about mowing vs. backhoe in the expansion area.
- We also talked about shared spaces for big trees, education, compost on edge, and perhaps planting banana trees along the J row.

- The next General Meeting: February 27, 2016 9:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:35 a.m.