

Minutes  
General Meeting of the Napili Community Garden  
May 21, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.

Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m. Board and garden members present were Taressa, Angela, Brenda, Gary, Lisa, Freddie, Dwayne, Joseph, Jamie, Charlie, Spencer, Keith, and several other garden members.

Taressa chaired the meeting.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

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

**Financials**

- Angela gave the financial report and passed the spreadsheets for March and April. Not a lot of activity during this period of time.
- It was noted that there was a bill last October for approximately \$500 for trucking of gravel that had not been paid. In order to balance, it will be paid by check with cash collected, okayed by Board.
- As noted previously, Sharon who was our contact at Tri Isle, has left. Rainbow Rental (portable toilet) is not paid up to date, but Angela noted that three invoices will be paid out this month for March, April and May. They are on a four-week schedule, so not month to month. There are actually 13 invoices per year.
- ML&P is supposed to be running the Garden's water through Associa. They have changed bookkeepers and we have had to wait to reconcile with them, so we are still on hold. On one side, we have an \$1,100 credit and on the other side we have a \$3,500 bill, so it appears we still have a large outstanding water bill. Once it is straightened out, we will request electronic bills.

**Membership**

- Lisa reported that membership is going well and we have 16 new members so far this year. There are 22 plots currently available, most of them 20 x 20 plots. We have 10 on the waiting list and two current members requesting an additional plot.
- Lisa has been very busy and we will look for a volunteer to assist with the membership and orientation duties.
- We had a discussion on how many plots to initially allow a new gardener. Not everyone will find it suits them to have a garden. It was decided to allow one plot to start.

**Business**

- Food Bank: 1,300 pounds were donated to Feed My Sheep, mostly bananas.

- There was a discussion about the food bank and the energy that goes into food bank plots vs. focusing on things the garden needs as a whole. Jamie pointed out that there is a lot of work to be done in and around the garden and we could benefit from some of the energy focusing on the garden. On the other side of that, we do not want to discourage individuals who are passionate about the food bank to be taken off of those tasks. Lots of valid points to think about.
- We discussed organizing a work party to begin cleaning the garden and various ways to reach people. Ideas included emails, Facebook posts, and a telephone tree. There was a good idea to be specific with people when calling, i.e., “Do you have a couple of hours on Saturday to help and the garden and get your community hours?” Another idea was to use email more effectively, such as put out an email two weeks in advance of a work day and then again several days before to remind everyone.
- We talked about the need to remove some of the banana trees that have gotten out of hand. Charlie indicated it could be done fairly easily if we rented a machine.
- Lisa indicated that she needs help with monthly inspections, so we talked about volunteers for that, along with needed volunteers to track work hours, meet with new members and answer questions, follow up on the Orchard Survey, and determine projects that need to be done.
  
- The next General Meeting: TBD 9:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:50 a.m.