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**Morgan Hill Community Garden Minutes**  
**Tues., March 26, 2019 7:30 PM**

**17000 Monterey Road, Morgan Hill, CA Community and Cultural Center, Diana Murphy Room**

Board Members:

John Jenkins President 2021

Ab- Mary Mansson Vice-President 2021

Glenn Lattig Treasurer 2020

Mary Kellogg Secretary 2020

Joe Elliott Board Member 2021

Daniel Armendariz Board Member 2020

Kay Meyer Board Member 2020

I. Call Meeting To Order 7:30 John Jenkins, President

II. Adopt Agenda John Jenkins, President, Action Item  
Joe made a motion to adopt the agenda. Second by Glenn. Passed unanimously.

III. Approve February 2018 Minutes Mary Kellogg, Secretary, Action Item  
Joe made a motion to accept the minutes. Second by Glenn. Passed unanimously.

IV. Hearing of Membership/Questions Membership Information Item  
None (Suggestion Box empty)

V. Reports

A. Financial Report Glenn Lattig, Info Item

Beginning Balance \$14,278.27

Expenses: water \$46.53, John Jenkins \$19.60, Garden Fee returned \$37.00 Total: \$103.13

Receipts: Plot Fees \$578.00, Donations \$54.00 Total: \$632.00

Net in: \$528.87 Ending Balance at Board meeting: \$14,807.14

Motion to accept report by Mary K. Second by Joe. Approved unanimously.

B. Oversight Committee Mary Kellogg, Information Item

The Oversight Committee notified several gardeners of weeds that need tending to. Most of the plots that were not maintained in the last few months now have newly registered gardeners who have begun removing the old Summer plants and weeds. A couple of plot owners mentioned they will be there very soon, but have been dealing with health issues recently. There are a few more plots being assigned in the next two weeks. Many gardeners have started coming to the garden to plant Spring plants.

Motion to accept report by Glenn. Second by Kay. Approved unanimously.

C. Work Day Committee Kay Meyer, Information Item

Three work days so far. Some gardeners have already completed their work days for the year. Pat requests that April 6 on Saturday be the next work day to coincide with the Spring Plant Sale. (Change from April 14th) Kay wants to know if anyone has a mower that we can use to weed the area near the mulch piles.

Motion to accept report by Glenn. Second by Joe. Approved unanimously.

D. Garden Relocation Committee                      John Jenkins, Info/Discussion  
Delayed because of rain. Site work is on hold. City of Carpenteria has a community garden with grant that John looked up. He emailed Tony, but it will not work on our project. Glenn thought that might be good for the Demonstration Garden at St. Louise. We have someone who will do the work, but we are waiting for the rain to stop and the soil to dry out before big equipment can get into the new garden.  
Motion to accept report by Glenn. Second by Mary K.    Approved unanimously.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. 2019 Registration                                      Glenn Lattig, Information Item  
Glenn hasn't changed the combination lock yet. Registration is going well. These plots are still open at this time: 1, 4, 7, 9, 10, 11, 45, 51, 55, 58, 60, 71, 75 (bindweed) Large 25 (Glenn goes on Thursdays and will get new registration mail weekly.)

B. Wait List    Mary Kellogg, Discussion Item  
Many people gave up their plots this year, so all of the wait list people have been contacted and told we have a plot for them this year. We sent a checklist of important garden information with the notification. Out of 14 on the small plot wait list, 8 have replied to our email that we have a plot for them, 5 did not reply to the email, and 1 has requested to be taken off the wait list. A follow-up email was sent to the 8 who replied and they were given the Garden Policies, Bylaws, and Registration form attached to the email. Glenn received a copy of those names and emails. We will monitor the garden email to see if any of the other 5 wait list people reply and send them the registration email at that time. We will still have 4 small plots and 3 large plots available this year after we place everyong who is on the wait list. The returning gardener in plot 45 has to pay the full fee. She is on probation for this year to see if her garden is maintained adequately.

C. Compost/Mulch    John Jenkins, Information Item  
John is waiting for the rain to stop to get the compost delivered. We have plenty of mulch.

D. Bindweed Control    John Jenkins, Discussion Item  
John has clear greenhouse plastic. Daniel and Kay suggest adding mushroom compost under the plastic to create heat to kill the weed seeds. There are a couple of organic products available that will eventually kill the weeds too.

VII. New Business

A. Netting    Mary Kellogg, Discussion  
Cindy was suggesting that the netting on the VTA side gets in the way of taking care of the pollinator garden. The netting was put in a long time ago and we have only one more year. Joe suggests the fencing is difficult to weed also. There was no motion to remove the netting at this time.

B. Discount Scholarship    Mary, Action Item  
\$20. for small plot. Daniel suggests that anything that is offered to one group of people should be applied to another group with the same offer. He suggests we are limiting CARE people. Kay suggests we offer a large plot at half cost. Daniel suggests the large plot could be used by a CARE person by paying a double fee. We will keep that in consideration for plot policies for the new Garden.

**C. Agenda items for April**

**Mary Kellogg**

May Social event,, bindweed report, wait list status, monitor squirrel pest problem

John has gotten two emails from two condo units asking for information about community gardening at their site. Kay talked to Yvonne and every new condo unit is required to have their own community garden. We could invite them to our Spring Social event. The Morgan Hill Times and Morgan Hill Life newspapers could advertise for us some also. Ground squirrels are a problem now at the garden. We will use hardware cloth under new beds at new garden. We'll need a lot of good soil.

VIII. Adjournment 8:40 John Jenkins, Action Item

**Next Board meeting: April 23, 7:30 pm at the CCC**

Future Meetings:

7:30 May 28, June 25, July 23, Aug 17, Sept 17, Oct 22. Nov. 12 (6:30 potluck/election))

Future Work Days:

Mornings: Sun. April 14, Sat. May 11, Sat. June 8,

Thur 6:30-8:30 PM on July 18, August 15, and September 19