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Morgan Hill Community Garden Minutes Tuesday, January 25, 2022 6:30 pm Zoom Meeting

Board Members:

John Jenkins	President 2023	Pat Day	Board Member. 2023
Mary Mansson	Vice-President 2023	Joe Elliott	Board Member 2023
Allen Palmer	Treasurer 2024	Daniel Armendariz	Board Member 2024
Mary Kellogg	Secretary 2024	ab-Alex Simpliciano	Board Member 2023
(Linda Sears- past Treasurer)		Martha O'Rourke	Board Member 2024

- I. Call Meeting To Order 6:33 pm John Jenkins, President
Introduce Board Members
- II. Adopt Agenda/November Minutes John Jenkins, Action.
Motion by Allen to approve these documents, second by Mary M. Approved.
- III. Hearing of Membership/Questions Membership, Info Item
One member will speak later.
- IV. Reports
- A. Financial Report Linda Sear/Allen Palmer, Information and Action
Allen (incoming Treasurer) commented that Linda fabulous job these past year.

Beginning Balance Dec. 31, 2021: \$12,994.91 We are in a better situation than last Dec 31.
Ending Balance Jan. 25, 2022: \$19,599.32
Dec. 2021 Revenue: Donations \$100:00
Dec. 2021 Expenses: Insurance \$116.57, Porta Potty Rental \$193.65,
Office Supplies \$32.16, Building Supplies \$6.72, Garden Supplies \$96.14,
Website Maintenance \$57.36, water bill \$142.39
Jan. 2022 Revenue: Plot rental \$7,187.50
Jan. 2022 Expenses: Insurance \$116.58, Board Meeting Room Rental CCC \$220.00,
Regulatory Fees (Sec State) \$25.00, Water Bill \$221.51

Proposed Budget for 2022 \$13,895.00 . 2022 budget (right column) on document

Other Info:

Long term and short term projects- Installation of another shed, website update, pathways, native bee habitats, possibly more wattle plots, fundraising.

Pat asked if the \$1600.00 contingency line is one time or reoccurring, Allen has a new system for documenting grants to not affect the budget amounts.

Motion by Pat to approve the Treasurer's report, second by Joe, Approved.

Motion to accept the 2022 budget by Joe, second by Daniel. Approved

B. Oversight Committee Mary Kellogg, Action Item.

The Oversight Committee has not met yet this year. We contacted gardeners in November and December about winter gardening and maintaining plots throughout the winter. There are only a few plots with plants that still need to be trimmed back and they will be contacted soon. We will meet in February or March to monitor the garden plots further.

Motion to accept the report by Mary M, second by Linda. Approved.

C. Work Day Committee

Kay Meyer, Action Item

Kay not in attendance.

Mary K will email out and post the work day schedule. There will be an email to ADA plot owners to notify us by email if they have a request for soil to be brought over to their plots from the piles on a work day. They would need to be present to make sure the soil is added the way they expect, as some gardeners have plants in already. The Work Day schedule for 2022 is confirmed. Saturdays from 9-11 am (Feb.12, Mar 12, Apr 2, May 14, Sept 24), Sundays from 9-11 am (Feb 6, Mar 6, Apr 10), Friday 9-11 am (Mar 11, Apr 8), Thursday evening from 6-8 pm (June 9, July 14) Dates are subject to change. Watch for email notifications.

Motion to accept the report by Pat, second by Allen. Approved.

D. Garden Expansion

John Jenkins, Action

We have no more wattles so we will stop building plots for now. We can add a second wattle on top of the existing one to raise the plot height. There is plenty of soil and amendments in piles at the garden. Wooden plot soil has sunken over time and some plots owners need to add soil. We will email ADA gardeners to see who is in need of more soil.

Motion to approve the report by Mary M, second by Allen. Approved.

V. Unfinished Business

A. Native Bee Habitat Project

Joe Elliott, Action Item

Joe has 2 projects in mind with southern facing habitats with sandy loam soil for bees to lay eggs in ground. These are not like hives or nests. They are solitary females who lay eggs in the habitat. The hexagon structures are filled with sand/loam and ground cover. Most native bees don't sting. Daniel suggests a structure in various areas of the garden. We have sandy loam soil on the east side of the garden. Cost? We might need to buy some native plant cover crop. Daniel will help with the project. Funding? We only need to purchase or obtain the flowering ground cover. Joe has scrap wood to use to make the habitats. Daniel has seeds. Maybe we need to buy a 6-pack of flowers.

Pat made a motion to build 4 native bee habitats, not to exceed \$100.00. Second by Allen. Approved.

B. Fundraising

John Jenkins, Discussion

1. The Raley's grant was not approved because they don't fund infrastructure which was in our grant. They suggested we try again. Other grocery stores have grants, too. Sakata Seeds might have a \$1000 grant for us this year. Santa Clara County will have a second run of grant we got before, maybe \$2,000. We can apply for that.

2. T-shirt sales- If we sell enough, they run the printing of the shirts for us. If not, they just don't make the shirts and we are not out any money. Maybe there will be community interest from seeing our shirts. They would be in sizes for men and women, with a 2-color design. Teresa Anguiano offered to be involved with the design of this. Mary M will get more info to her.

3. Other fundraising options could be Rotary and small businesses.

VI. New Business

A. Upcoming Classes

Pat Day, Information

The first of April will have to be our first class. Pat Day, who teaches the class will be out of the country until then. He would like to know of any particular topics a gardener is requesting.

Suggestions so far: Composting, new gardeners class with RSVP for that group, how to improve the soil, year-round gardening. We will send out the class notification email in March. Pat will

make up a calendar to send out in March. We can advertise on Next Door and Facebook announcements, the City weekly email, MH Times and Morgan Hill Life. John says the Fleurs group wants to have their plant sale again in April.

B. Agenda Items for February

Mary Kellogg, Discussion

Security, bee habitats (10 minutes), T-shirts, maintenance/upgrade of gravel pathways, Martha wants info on what is infrastructure or not for grants with Raley's, possibly advertising about our T-shirt project.

Pat will try to run the Zoom while in another country. Mary M might be able to do the Zoom Mtg if Pat can't from his location with limited internet. February 22nd. We can talk to Pat a week in advance to see where we are with Zoom or in-person meeting.

Member input: Teresa thanked Pat for the African Basil that is doing well. She will fix mural and us interested in offering input on the Website (John says he could use more photos for the website or Facebook). There could be a craft or art project related to our current crops.

VII. Adjournment

7:49. John Jenkins, Action Item