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

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

Board Members:

John Jenkins	President 2021		
Mary Mansson	Vice-President 2021	AB- Joe Elliott	Board Member 2021
Glenn Lattig	Treasurer 2020	Daniel Armendariz	Board Member 2020
Mary Kellogg	Secretary 2020	Kay Meyer	Board Member 2020

- I. Call Meeting To Order 7:30 John Jenkins, President
John welcomed us and reviewed our Garden mission statement and goals.
- II. Adopt Agenda John Jenkins, President, Action Item
Kay made a motion to adopt the agenda. Second by Mary M. Passed unanimously.
- III. Approve January 2018 Minutes Mary Kellogg, Secretary, Action Item
Glenn made a motion to accept the minutes. Second by Daniel. Passed unanimously.
- IV. Hearing of Membership/Questions Membership Information Item, 8 min.
None *John added that there was nothing in suggestion box.*
- V. Reports
A. Financial Report Glenn Lattig, Info Item
Beginning Balance \$13,329.38
Revenues: \$1165. registration fees, \$5.00 donation. Total revenues \$1170.00
Expenditures: water \$46.53, Daniel \$30.14, Mary K \$38.44, P.O. Box \$116.00 Total: \$221.11
Net Gain: \$948.89
The Secretary of State payment was returned, saying we don't owe anything this year. Our state, federal, and county taxes have been filed. We have a \$0 tax liability because we are under \$50,000 income per year and we are a non-profit.
Ending Balance \$14,278.27
Motion to accept report by Mary K. Second by Mary M. Approved unanimously.
B. Oversight Committee Mary Kellogg, Information Item
The Oversight Committee looked at garden plots in January to determine which ones are not being maintained over the winter months. Most of the plots that were not maintained were plots that were being given up by the gardeners. Six plots with returning gardeners had old Spring plants and weeds and need better maintenance next year. My email that went out to all garden plot holders asking them to look at their plots as they come in to work this year and think about it they need to do a better job next winter. We made a note of those six plots that need to be monitored next year and can contact them as needed in the future. Six more plots need more plant growth or ground cover, but look fairly well maintained.
Motion to accept report by Kay. Second by Mary M. Approved unanimously.

C. Work Day Committee

Kay Meyer, Information Item

Kay reported that about 11-12 people came to the first work day, and 5-6 came for the class. Kay cut out all the weeds where the mulch is. Daniel A suggests that there could be some regular maintenance at the Garden on work days as well as work day tasks. The Board says that would be okay. Glenn added that the garden has been in operation for 10 years and some of the wood will need to be repaired.

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

D. Garden Relocation Committee

John Jenkins, Info/Discussion

John said that there is nothing new to report. Tony reinforced that the budget for the new garden needs to be revised to keep the costs down. We don't know how much we are short yet. Glenn suggests we should be judicious about this because a lot of new costs could come up with the new garden. Our budget is \$8,000. so we really only have an additional \$6,000. available for additional expenses. Tony also had a question about the cost of wood, perhaps a cheaper type of wood could be used. We could build our own handicapped plots to save some money. Glenn suggests we have 5 handicapped plots. John talked to someone about the percolate and it is 80+ feet deep and not a problem for our gardening because of the depth. Olin has to come in and put in power for their pumps and Tony is looking to see if we can tap into their power. The steel shed at the old garden may not be needed because of the cost of moving it. We will get two bigger sheds put there.

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

VI. Unfinished Business

A. 2019 Registration

Glenn Lattig, Information Item

Glenn has been Treasurer for a many years at the MHCG and this year has gone very well compared to other years. He wrote 6 letters to gardeners regarding their registration because of errors with the registration included incomplete forms, lack of payment, no signature, etc. We may need more gardeners to fill out plots. The Board discussed announcing this in local newspapers, Next door, library activity post, Johnson's nursery post, etc. Mary M will put the info on Next Door, info in the City 411 email that goes out regularly, MH community group, and CRC are possibilities. Glenn suggests advertising at the senior living apartments. Glenn suggests some additional changes to policies: On the registration form there could be something about not leaving anything at the garden, the policies specify having the term properly completed form and pay by the late date. A lot of people have moved and we need to change the gate lock combination. Glenn suggests an easy new combo. After the wait list people are added, Glenn will change the combination. Having how to register posted on the gate was very beneficial also.

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 called Tony and they will deliver compost. John will take a look at the compost and have it delivered mid to late March after the rains slow down. We have plenty of wood chips.

D. Spring Social Event John Jenkins, Discussion Item
The event will be on May 11, tied in with potato classes. Cardboard coffee containers from Starbucks could be an easy coffee solution and we should have a hot pot of water for tea. We will address this event again at the **April** Board meeting for final planning. Pat's next class is on March 10 where we will have free seed to give out from One Acre Farm.

VII. New Business

A. Garden Signs (all sides) Mary Kellogg, Discussion
Since we will probably have many garden plots available when we move to the new garden location, Mary suggested that we put up some information on other sides of the garden fence besides just the front. The Board discussed advertising as recorded above in V. A. instead. For the new garden we can ask the City to put up some road signs (like the ones for "Winery", etc.) telling directions to the new garden.

B. Plot assignment Mary and Kay, Action Item
Kay and Mary asked about getting permission to assign two small plots in place of a large one. The Board decided against this idea. Plot 75 will not be assigned this year to anyone because of the bindweed infestation. We will cover plot 75 with plastic to kill the bindweed and possible use a Dr. Earth product or more vinegar. Kay suggests plastic over vinegar spray. We discussed giving extra vacant available plots for one season to current gardeners, but will not do this because new people could request a plot at any time.

C. Correction of Plot Sizes Kay Meyer, Information Item
The correction of several plot sizes on our documents have been made.

D. Agenda items for March Mary Kellogg
Wait list and open plots, oversight report on Spring planting, bindweed report

VIII. Adjournment 8:50 John Jenkins, Action Item

Next Board meeting: March 26 , 7:30 pm at the CCC

Future Meetings: 7:30 Apr 23, May 28, June 25, July 23, Aug 17, Sept 24, Oct 22. Nov. 12 (6:30)

Future Work Days: Sun. March 10, Sun. April 14, Sat. May 11, Sat. June 8,

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