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**Morgan Hill Community Garden Minutes**

**Tues., March 23, 2021 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
Linda Sears	Treasurer 2022	Daniel Armendariz	Board Member 2022
Mary Kellogg	Secretary 2022	Allen Palmer	Board Member 2022
		Alex Simpliciano	Board Member 2023

I. Call Meeting To Order- 6:30 pm John Jenkins, President.

II. Adopt Agenda and Feb. Minutes John Jenkins, Action Item, 3  
Approved unanimously.

III. Hearing of Membership/Questions Membership Info Item  
*Any garden member may address the Board when recognized by the Chair. **The Board members or other audience members may not engage in conversation or dialog with the membership speaker.** A member may say they will wait to talk on a specific agenda item until that item comes up on the agenda and be so noted by the Chair.*

IV. Reports

A. Financial Report/banking options Linda Sears, Info. 2/21-3/21  
Receipts- Plot Rentals \$1,522.50, Donations \$1,065.00, (Sakata Seeds \$1000 grant) Refunds \$19.57  
Expenses- Bank Fees \$8.00, Insurance \$116.57, Porta Potty Rental \$408.10, Building/Facilities  
Supplies \$79.32, plumbing, Water bill \$156.80 Total \$  
March 23 balance- \$16,946.99  
Approved unanimously.

We are looking for banking options to U S Bank because of the many fees. We will change to Bank of the West change with no fees with \$5000 balance. We will have a debit card and checks. CURRENTLY- 6 potential gardeners on the wait list. Motion to approve by Mary M, second by Allen. Approved unanimously

B. Oversight Committee Mary Kellogg, Info Item  
The Oversight Committee notified a gardener about a trellis structure that was too tall. He eagerly volunteered to make the changes after being reminded of the policy.

Motion to adopt by Linda second by Daniel. Approved unanimously.

C. Work Day Committee (No report) Kay Meyer, Info Item

D. Garden Planning Report (No report) John Jenkins, Info Item

E. Outreach Committee Report Allen Palmer, Information

Mary commented on people with no paper verification of income, current gardeners who might want that classification, and how to differentiate.

Allen suggests a line item budget item with donations from our members/other organizations to pay for the costs. We are still exploring options.

Motion to adopt by Daniel, Second by Linda. Approved unanimously.

## V. Unfinished Business

### A. Number of Plots Limitation

John Jenkins, Action

New expansion- limit 1 plot per person this year 2021 until we have all wait list people placed and see demand through the year. Mary M suggests newspaper event calendar for publicizing plots.

Mary K. made a motion to limit 1 plot per person in the new area for 2021. Allen says to table to next month and see how the expansion goes. Mary K. withdrew the motion and we will see where we are with the wait list and building next month couple of months.

### B. Native Bee Habitat, cont'd

Joe Elliott, Discussion/Action.

Joe has scrap wood to start building bee habitats. Aviary netting might be needed to keep animals away from the area. He'll make samples to leave at the garden.

### C. Common Storage Area

Mary Kellogg, Discussion

(Shared, common fenced off area with screen to block sight of the items for storage for extra garden materials when not in use.)

Joe says to measure the fencing we have. John will ask other gardens what they do. We will postpone this for two months until we have more information.

### D. Fundraising Opportunities cont'd

John Jenkins, Action

Joe and John have Hot Rod (Serrano) pepper seedlings started that will be ready to plant in 2-3 weeks. John will find out how much money we get from this and report next month with an action item for next meeting to go ahead with the fundraiser.

### E. Garden Expansion

John Jenkins, Action Item

Joe says 220 feet pipe is needed and trenching-about \$193.30 in expenses. 21 plots would be on one side, more on the Butterfield side later. Trenches cost \$200 more. Allen made a motion for John and Joe to start expansion using the money earned from Sakata (\$1000 now), second by Pat. Approved unanimously. John will set up a work day and others will join to help with trenching, etc.

Mary M wants to know if someone can build a wooden bed at their own cost.

## VI. New Business

### A. Garden Policy Revision on Refunds

Mary K, Discussion

We will specify a prorated amount, like the prorated rental amount.

### B. Agenda Items for April

Mary K,

Plot limitation, pepper fundraising report and action item.

Plant sale April 17 Saturday where Mary K. can post wait list info for our garden. Teresa- willing to participate in fundraising projects.

## VII. Adjournment

7:54 John Jenkins, Action Item

Next meeting on April 27.