



River Bend Community Organic Garden & Education Center
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**Draft Meeting Minutes – Special Meeting
January 2, 2024**

Present: Robin Beilby, Wendy Fleming, Jackie Herbster, Denise Kelly, JoAnna Kloster, Judi Lloyd, Barbara Maurer, Carol Mabe, Chris Organ

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by Ms. Maurer.

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: All members received and reviewed the December 4, 2023 meeting minutes. Ms. Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Mr. Organ. The motion was approved unanimously.

Council Report: All gardeners received Ms. Maurer's December Council Report circulated to CAC.

Financial Report: Ms. Lloyd presented the financial report.

Garden Update: Ms. Herbster reported that all Fall vegetables are doing well, except for the kale. The cauliflower produced several heads, but did not fare too well during the current night time freezes. The December harvest was approximately 38 pounds. Planting of seeds for Spring planting will begin in mid-February and Ms. Smolinski will be tending to them in her greenhouse. Ms. Herbster reported that she has done research regarding the renovation of the herb garden and requested that gardeners please provide their input as to herbs that they would like to see planted. Ms. Kelly reported that the bees are doing fine and are healthy. The bees have been collecting pollen which means that they are laying eggs. She is still supplementing with sugar water. There is a good population in both hives. She also has done a mite treatment.

Old Business:

Fundraising: A plant sale will be conducted in the Spring. A tentative date was set for the last Saturday in April. Ms. Herbster suggested that we have four tables – one for vegetables, one for herbs, one for house plants and one for outdoor flowering plants. She also reported that she will continue to make garden stakes which can also be sold.

New Business:

Pop-Up Weeding Workday: If a good weather day presents itself, a pop-up weeding workday will be scheduled.

Fence Repair: Ms. Maurer reported that the post at the front entrance has rotted. Upon further inspection, it appears that the entire fencing around the garden needs to be replaced. This will be a major project and will be scheduled in the Spring.

There being no further business, Ms. Beilby made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Ms. Lloyd. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 5, 2024 at 1:30 pm.

Submitted by,
Jackie Herbster, Secretary