

River Bend Community Organic Garden & Education Center

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Meeting Minutes - January 3, 2022

Present: Robin Beilby, Christy Geer, Jackie Herbster, Denise Kelly, JoAnna Kloster, Judi Lloyd, Barbara Maurer, Chris Organ and Dee Smith

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Maurer.

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: All members received and reviewed the December 6, 2021 meeting minutes. Ms. Lloyd made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Ms. Beilby. The motion was approved unanimously.

Council Report: Ms. Maurer gave a brief overview of Town Council actions and activities.

Financial Report: Ms. Maurer presented the financial report.

Garden Update: Ms. Smith reported that: (1) fertilizing has been continuing; (2) weeding has been conducted and continuing; (3) maintenance has been conducted in herb garden; (4) blankets have been placed on the winter vegetables during the cold nights; (5) parsley was planted in the Fall for the Swallowtails; (6) aphids have been found on the kale and has been treated; and (7) bees are doing well. Mr. Mazzotti is moving next week and Ms. Smith and Ms. Kelly will be maintaining the hive. The Green Team met at New Bern High School and cleaned up the stadium and started planning for bat houses to be located at the high school and at the garden. The next project for the Green Team will be to start planting asclepias seeds in the milk jugs to get ready for the Monarchs.

Old Business: Mr. Organ and Ms. Beilby gave a presentation regarding the solar system for the greenhouse. There are several obstacles with this project and discussions will continue for the planning of the solar system. Before this project can start, the greenhouse will need to be cleaned out.

New Business: Ms. Beilby and Ms. Maurer have located a nurseryman, Ken Garner, who is willing to start our seedlings for spring planning for a nominal fee. Mr. Garner is willing to come to our next meeting to discuss the installation of the solar system in the greenhouse and Ms. Beilby will arrange. It was agreed to sell the lawn mower and the pull cart. Ms. Smith reported that the Craven County Master Gardener Volunteer Association is selling bee houses as a fundraiser. Ms. Beilby made a motion to purchase a bee house and the motion was seconded by Ms. Geer. The motion was unanimously approved.

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.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 7, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Jackie Herbster, Secretary

Jackie Skulster