

River Bend Community Organic Garden & Education Center

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Meeting Minutes - October 4, 2021

Present: Robin Beilby, 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 September 7, 2021 special meeting minutes. Ms. Smith 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. Ms. Smith reported that we have received several generous donations which include the sales of the note cards.

Garden Update: Several gardeners took a field trip to a horse farm in New Bern and picked up a truck load of manure which was used to amend Rows 1 & 2, along with mushroom compost. Ms. Smith reported that the bees and butterflies are doing well. Ms. Smith reported that the Green Team were at the garden on September 15, 2021 and planted garlic and onions. They also took down the fencing constructed earlier in the year for the pole beans and the cucumbers. Mr. Organ reported that he prepared a thank you to his neighbor who donated the galvanized sink which has been installed. Mr. Organ also reported that he has ordered parts to repair the rototiller. All rain barrels have been emptied and cleaned out. Ms. Smith reported that fall planting has occurred and all vegetables have sprouted except for the lettuce which will be re-planted. Ms. Smith also reported that she has a friend who has a family member that is part of an organization entitled Agri-Technologies, Inc. who has agreed to test the soil at the garden to determine the type of nematodes that are occurring in the soil. With regard to the nematode issue and after reading some research materials, it was suggested that during the winter that tilling be done on a rotating basis to see if this tactic will work in eradicating the nematodes. A workday has been scheduled for November 4, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. to clean out the greenhouse, storage sheds and storage boxes.

Old Business: With regard to the T-shirts for the Green Team, Ms. Maurer and Ms. Herbster will visit the vendor to ascertain material types available and pricing.

New Business: Ms. Smith reported that Interfaith Refugee Ministries is collecting household items for three Afghan families relocating to New Bern. The items needed are: twin bed sheets, wooden kitchen utensils, sharp knives, cleavers and cutting boards. If you wish to donate, there is a box in the work shed or get in touch with Ms. Smith.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 1, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Jackie Herbster, Secretary