

River Bend Community Organic Garden & Education Center

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Meeting Minutes November 6, 2023

Present: Robin Beilby, Jackie Herbster, Denise Kelly, Judi Lloyd, Barbara Maurer, Chris Organ, Barbara Pilcher, Donna Ross

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 pm by Ms. Maurer.

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: All members received and reviewed the October 2, 2023 meeting minutes. Ms. Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Ms. Beilby. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Financial Report: Ms. Lloyd presented the financial report. Ms. Beilby made a motion to accept the financial report and the motion was seconded by Ms. Ross. The motion was approved unanimously.

Garden Update: Ms. Maurer reported that all Fall vegetables are doing well. Bok choi, lettuce, kale and swiss chard are ready for harvesting. In the month of October, 289 pounds of produce were harvested. Year-to-date totals are 2,477 pounds of produce and 54 pounds of herbs. To date, the garden has donated 253.4 pounds of produce to Interfaith Refugee Ministries. All inactive beds have been amended and ready for the Winter. Only 6 beds will need to be amended in the Spring. Mr. Organ reported that he planted two fig trees. Ms. Kelly reported that she refigured one of the hives and that both hives are doing well. She has been feeding the bees with sugar water. If all goes well over the Winter, she may be able to harvest honey in the future. She has also treated the hives for mites. Ms. Herbster reported that 103 Monarchs and 30 Swallowtails were released. The habitat has been cleaned for the season and the asclepias and parsley have been winterized. Mr. Organ reported that he is monitoring the weather in order to winterize the irrigation system once the time arrives. Ms. Maurer reported that she is working on the crop rotation for next year and will be ordering seeds and onion sets. There was no report regarding the Green Team.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

There being no further business, Ms. Beilby made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Ms. Kelly. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:56 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 4, 2023 at 1:30 pm.

Submitted by,

IJackie Herbster, Secretary

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