

River Bend Community Organic Garden & Education Center

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Meeting Minutes - June 5, 2023

Present: Wendy Fleming, Jackie Herbster, Denise Kelly, Jo Anna Kloster, Judi Lloyd, Linda Martin, Barbara Maurer, Ellen Serra, Dee Smith and Mary Smolinski

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm by Ms. Maurer.

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: All members received and reviewed the May 1, 2023 meeting minutes. Ms. Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Ms. Smolinski. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Financial Report: Ms. Lloyd presented the financial report. Ms. Smith made a suggestion that the RBCOG consider a one-time scholarship to a deserving student in the community. This issue will be discussed at a future meeting.

Garden Update: Ms. Maurer reported that the garden is doing great, and a workday is currently scheduled for June 9th at 9:00 am. Ms. Smith reported that there are approximately 45 sweet potato slips that need to be planted during the workday. The garlic has been harvested; however, it was not a very successful crop this year. Harvesting and curing of onions has begun. Ms. Smith reported that she harvested approximately 5 pounds of lettuce and kale and delivered to IRM. She also reported that IRM has received new clientele and are in need of household and toiletry items. Ms. Kelly presented a bee update. The bees were booming but recently have had a number of issues. A motion was made by Ms. Smolinski authorizing Ms. Kelly to purchase the necessary equipment and bees to get the hives up and running again. The motion was seconded by Ms. Smith, and the motion was approved unanimously. Ms. Smith reported that the Green Team held its last session, and she thanked Ms. Kloster for all of her help with the Green Team. Ms. Herbster reported that she will be maintaining the compost.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Ms. Herbster reported that she registered RBCOG to participate in the Fourth of July parade, and sought volunteers to decorate the truck and ride in the parade. Ms. Smolinski made a motion to cancel the July 3, 2023 RBCOG meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lloyd and the motion was approved unanimously.

Garden Workday: A garden workday is scheduled for Friday, June 9th at 9:00 am.

There being no further business, Ms. Fleming 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 2:40 pm.

Submitted by,

Jackie Herbster, Secretary