



River Bend Community Organic Garden & Education Center

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Meeting Minutes – May 2, 2022

Present: Robin Beilby, Melissa Dinsmore, Wendy Fleming, Jackie Herbster, Denise Kelly, Joanna Kloster, Barbara Maurer, Chris Organ and Dee Smith

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 pm by Ms. Maurer.

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: All members received and reviewed the April 4, 2022 meeting minutes. Ms. Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Ms. Fleming. The motion was approved unanimously.

Council Report: Ms. Maurer gave a brief overview of Town Council actions and activities. She also reported that the Volunteer Picnic has been scheduled for Saturday, May 14, 2022 at 11:00 am.

Financial Report: Ms. Maurer presented the financial report.

Garden Update: With regard to the bees, Ms. Kelly reported that the bees are doing fabulous. Mite treatment was done on May 1st. In the original hive, the comb needs cutting and will be performed next week. The new hive is thriving. Ms. Smith reported that the last two Green Team visits have had low attendance due to student activities. However, one of the students did attend the 4th Annual New Bern Earth Day on behalf of the garden with Ms. Smith and Ms. Herbster and assisted in educating the public about the Green Team's work in the garden and information about the garden overall. Ms. Maurer reported that the garden looks better now than two years ago. All beds have been either prepped for planting and/or prepped to remain fallow for the current planting season. All vegetables have been planted other than the peanuts and sweet potatoes. Other projects which still need to be completed are: (1) weeding and cleaning out of the Bird and Butterfly Garden and the Monarch Garden; cardboard installation and chipping of some interior rows and the remainder of the perimeter; and installation of new fencing on two sides. Ms. Maurer reported that the leftover seedlings which were not planted were donated to The Cropmasters Garden. Ms. Williams kindly donated a new product to the garden to assist in combatting the RKN problem. Ms. Smith reported that the wintered Asclepius are coming back and new plants have been started. She also reported that kale (Row 1), lettuce (Row 2) and asparagus (Row 12) are ready to be harvested. Ms. Maurer and Ms. Smith gave a presentation at the April meeting of the River Bend Garden Club which was well received. In fact, Ms. Smith was contacted by the RBGC to schedule a tour of the garden. The date has yet to be determined. A workday has been scheduled for Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 8:00 am.

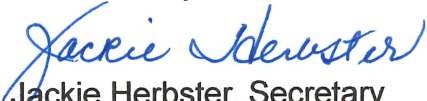
Old Business: Mr. Organ reported that the greenhouse project is ongoing and is currently researching options for the flooring.

New Business: No new business.

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 2:20 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 6, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

Submitted by,


Jackie Herbster, Secretary