



River Bend Community Organic Garden & Education Center
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Meeting Minutes – April 3, 2023

Present: Robin Beilby, Wendy Fleming, Jackie Herbster, Denise Kelly, Jo Anna Kloster, Barbara Maurer, Chris Organ, Barbara Pilcher, Dee Smith and Ellen Serra

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 March 6, 2023 meeting minutes. Ms. Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Ms. Smith. The motion was approved unanimously.

Council Report: None.

Financial Report: In Ms. Lloyd's absence, Ms. Kelly presented the financial report.

Garden Update: Ms. Maurer reported that the March 25th garden workday was a success. Many projects were completed but much to do before Spring planting. Ms. Maurer, Ms. Beilby and Ms. Smolinki secured a load of horse manure. Ms. Maurer was in contact with Pamlico Tree Service and the garden is on the list to receive wood chips when available. Ms. Smith reported that bok choy, beets, swiss chard and artichokes have been planted. The kale can be harvested, along with the asparagus when available. The varieties of lettuce, carrots and swiss chard that were planted by seeds are doing well. Sweet potatoes slips have been started, along with the herb seeds. Ms. Maurer will prepare a chart to assist in the fertilization process. Ms. Smith reported that we received a donation of various garden supplies, including tomato cages (approximately 20) and cast-iron stakes. Ms. Kelly reported that Ms. Smith discovered that a hive had wax moths but no larvae. The bottom boards were pulled so that light can get in the hive which will kill the wax moths. The bee population is booming and the feeders were removed. Ms. Maurer reported that the tomatoes, peppers and eggplant are ready for planting. Ms. Smith reported that 9 students attended the last session of the Green Team. The Green Team transplanted approximately 100 asclepias plants, seeded the herbs and flipped the compost. The next Green Team session is scheduled for April 19th. Ms. Mauer reported that volunteer hours for the month of March were 193, with a year-to-date total of 359.

Old Business: None.

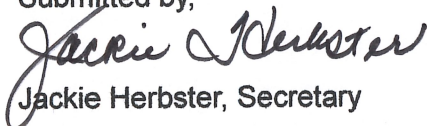
New Business:

Garden Workday: A garden workday is scheduled for Saturday, April 22nd at 9:00 am.

Future Workshops: After discussion, it was decided that a future workshops may be scheduled for October or November. Topic ideas will be discussed in the future.

There being no further business, Ms. Beilby made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Ms. Organ. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:19 pm.

Submitted by,


Jackie Herbster, Secretary