

Prospect Heights Farm
Winter Meeting
March 2, 2008, 11:15–12:30
Brooklyn Botanic Gardens

In Attendance:

Kayla (presiding)
Traci (took notes)
Redelia
Rosemary
Francis
Virginia
Jean K. (Typed Traci's notes)
Ruth
Maria

Topics:

Coordinator's Report
Treasury Report
Address Corrections
Review of 2007 Accomplishments
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Coordinator's Report:

Kayla wishes to step down as Garden Coordinator. She would like the garden to elect a Co-coordinator to work with her this year and take over as sole Coordinator for the 2009 season. Nominations will be taken by email.

Treasury Report:

Current balance: \$5,201.16

Stan wishes to step down as Treasurer. Nominations will be taken by email. It was discussed that the Treasurer should ideally be someone who has been around for a while.

Those in attendance did their level best to talk Ruth into it, but to no avail.

Address Corrections:

Those in attendance corrected known errors to the garden address list.

If other members have moved, changed phone number, etc., they should tell Kayla.

Review of 2007 Accomplishments:

A general appreciation for the sidewalk, fence, shed, entry area, new bulletin boxes, TPL membership, and no more looming pile of branches under the maple tree. A round of mutual back-patting was enjoyed by all.

Review of 2007 Meeting Attendance and Open Hours Schedule:

In keeping with the April, 2007 vote to hold members accountable for fulfilling garden responsibilities, Traci and Redelia presented the record of meeting attendance and open hours. Kayla will call those who did not sign up for any open hours to tell them they will lose their boxes, as voted last April. They will be added to the bottom of the box waiting list if they are interested.

Discussion of Other Necessary Garden Activities:

It was noted that some garden members have done significant work on vital projects outside of open hours and work days " such as the shed, sidewalk, TPL meetings, etc. (See 2007 Accomplishments) . While these are not regularly-scheduled requirements, they are crucial to the garden and those in attendance believe they should count towards members' work requirements.

In the future, we will vote (on a case-by-case basis) on whether a member who volunteers in advance to work on such a project should be excused from one month's open hours assignment. We will vote on the projects before they happen.

2008 Workday plans:

We will install the drip irrigation system on the first garden workday, date TBA.

It was agreed that workdays have better attendance when they follow garden meetings, rather than being scheduled on other days, so that will be the plan for 2008.

Box Coordinator:

Catherine is stepping down as box coordinator. Redelia was nominated as her replacement and will call her to get the box waiting list.

Secretary:

The need for meeting minutes came up again, as it has come up so many times before. Traci duly noted it. Everyone else duly noted that Traci always takes notes and tried to talk her into taking the job (again). As a compromise, Jean K. offered to type and email Traci's

notes to the list-serve.

Traci recalls that Joey was interested at one point last year; we can discuss and vote at April meeting.

2008 Dues:

Annual membership dues are, um, DUE by April 15th. Please give them to Stan or Kayla.

2008 Open Hours:

Open hours will begin April 15th. Jean K will post a note to this effect in the garden bulletin box.

Kayla will bring a sign-up calendar to the April meeting.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be Saturday, April 12th, at 2pm, in the garden.

Rain date: Sunday, April 13th at 2. New officers will be elected at this meeting.

Open Garden Positions:

It's quite a list. Nominations were elicited at the meeting. Please email if you'd like to run or nominate someone. We will vote on new officers at the next meeting.

Co-Coordinator: Kayla & _____ (this could be you! Think of the glory!)

Treasurer: _____

Box Coordinator: Redelia nominated

BQLT Rep: Virginia nominated

Secretary: Traci & Jean K. Nominated; Joey may also be interested.

(Maria graciously agreed to continue administering the list-serve.)

A copy of these minutes will also be posted in the bulletin box
inside
the garden.