

Meeting minutes

October 18, 2009

The meeting started at 2:10 and ended at approximately 3:20.

agenda for PHCF saturday october 18

- all relevant documents posted before meeting for inspection including reports

they were posted for inspection and copies were made available.

- financial report including dues, questions - phil 10 minutes / actual 11:19

Financial report presented.

EIN will be transferred from Stan to Phil and a new account opened at commerce bank

main expenses were tree pruning and rebuilding the compost

phil will be the only one to receive dues

system would become complicated if other board members take funds

a locking mailbox would do the trick, something that new members could either mail to or just drop their membership dues into with a pre-printed envelope. Dan will look into the possibility of a locking USPS box.

- open hours requirements, questions - akiko 10 minutes / actual 8:00

April 1 – October 31 open hours extended 20 hours per week

Open hours report presented.

There's been an increase in open hours requirements from 10 hours a week to 20 hours a week during the growing season 4/1 -10/31. Dan proposed opening the garden unsupervised which require some planning. Virginia proposed giving open hours credit to anyone who is in the garden on the weekends and counting our weekend hours.

motion - that members over 65 be excused from open hours requirements - passed

8 in favor

3 opposed

- bed waiting list report, questions - ruth 10 minutes / actual 22:52

Bed list report not available yet. Action must be taken to decide who loses a bed goes to the end of the list.

motion - Ruth and Dan will compile and distribute a warning to members who have unkept beds, unpaid dues, lack open hours or have not attended enough meetings. Members will either lose their beds or be removed from the bed waiting list. Members who lack open hours will have a chance to make them up at the garden closing work day. Final action on bed list will be taken after New Year - passed

13 in favor
0 opposed

- top 10 priorities report, questions - dan 10 minutes / actual 9:00 (includes vote below)

Priorities report presented.

3 of the 10 goals have been achieved and significant progress has been made on the other 7. Implementing the bylaws and stabilizing the general operations of the PHCF will replace the completed tasks in the priority list. Priorities will be revisited once the current list has been mostly achieved.

- authorize up to \$600 for water tank foundation? vote 5 minutes

motion - authorize up to \$600 for water tank foundation - passed

15 in favor
0 opposed

- issues from september minutes (copy)

unauthorized pruning - should this be referred to steering committee for discipline? discussion and vote - 5 minutes / actual 11:00 (includes entrance behind shed below item below)

1st motion - throw out james from garden - failed

2 in favor
11 opposed
3 abstained

2nd motion - refer james to the steering committee (standing board members) for discipline - passed

12 in favor
4 opposed
1 abstention

The steering committee will meet with James before the next meeting to determine discipline.

concerns about the entrance to garden from behind shed - 5 minutes

Dan announced the opening in the fence behind the shed will be closed until further notice. Patricia asked why and Dan replied that it was discussed at the last meeting, though he did not know what garden members concerns were specifically. He had spoken with PHCF's neighbor Marjorie Charles whose property the opening provides access to and she prefers to have it closed for now.

- politics of food conference, may 9, 2009. ben presents, vote - 5 minutes / actual 5:00

motion - As a sponsor of the politics of food conference, the PHCF agrees to include our organization name in the list of participating organizations and to make the garden space available for events. Ben is the liaison - passed

14 in favor

0 opposed

1 abstention

- next meeting november 15 at 2:00pm, location to be announced.