

In attendance:

Jon Pope (presiding)	Grace Nam & Esul	Silke Torras
Mara Gittleman	Melissa Atwood	Redelia Nottingham
Jennie Spector	Traci Nottingham (took notes)	Jean Kahler
Ruth Manning	Lindsay Haddix	Jennifer Richman
Jessica Stein	Rosemary Palms	Akosua Albriton
Laurie Kilpatrick	Elly Perkins	

Announcements, Updates and Discussions:

Introductions round robin.

Ratification of October's minutes- 12 aye, 0 nay, 2 abstain

Mulberry tree removal: Jon- Regarding the large mulberry in the back of the garden, Cliff has quoted a price to remove the entire tree for \$400; that will take place Nov 20, 2010 beginning at 10 a.m. Jon requested that Ruth or Rosemary contact the owner whose yard the branches are leaning into so that we could access their yard.

Box Report: Ruth - The current list has been posted in the shed. New additions (from mid-season forward) will be added later on.

Compost Update: Grace -The Compost team suggests the compost area could be reorganized- especially the finishing pile, but final layouts will be considered after the mulberry tree has been removed. Leaf Collection from the public will be Saturdays through December. We have an electric lawnmower so leaves can be shredded by us but any overflow that we can't handle will be taken by Brooklyn Bridge Park.

Master Gardener Updates : Traci -Thanks to all who made the Communal Flower Cutting Bed come to life. A lot of hands made it happen. Reminder, it is a communal resource, so like all the other Communal resources, take but don't devastate, but be sure to enjoy!

Open Space Institute update : Jon- Our Annual report to OSI is due next month. It consists of our funds coming in, expenses out and a listing of our community activities this past year. Jon will post it for review & comment by the gardeners.

Farming Concrete: Mara - The Farming Concrete logs will be picked this weekend, so be sure to add any leftover entries. The final report will be posted and mailed to each gardener who wishes one. (Address sign-up list passed around)

Pumpkin Smash Potato Bake Bash : Redelia - Thanks to all those who made the Smash great success, especially Jessica & Lynn for cooking the potatoes for us and our visitors.

General Discussions: Next year activity: Traci, let's try to have an Easter egg hunt for the children at Duryea since they were kind enough to let us use their space. Garden Cleanup- Jon Let's bring in the brush that 311 didn't pick up yet. They will be called again. And clean up the garden overall - putting away watering cans, trowels etc for the winter. Empty out the water tanks so they don't freeze over the winter. Winter Composting : Jon- not certain, but will ask Johanna to notify us all. Hours last year were Saturday, 11a.m. -1p.m. Other composting opportunities- GrowNYC will be taking over compost collections at Grand Army Plaza & Ft Green GreenMarket but they collect & take the compostables to a facility upstate, so contributions are not composted & used locally. Jon has signed us up for MulchFest again this year. He is speaking with Eric Frey at Green Thumb so that they could bring a chipper & Christmas trees can be chipped here.

Jon announced the recent passing of Lisa W.'s mother.

A card was passed around for all to sign for Francis' 80th birthday.

Next Meeting: Feb/ March next Spring!

minutes taken & typed by Traci Nottingham, Secretary