

Meeting held at Duryea Presbyterian Church

Attendees

Traci Nottingham (took notes)	Eva Wang	Jon Pope (presiding)
Jeff Secor	Virginia Webster	Melissa Atwood
Lee Schere **	Kayla Schwarz	Ruth Manning
Frank Millero	Catherine Orrok	Anna Rose Hart
Joey DeLeo	Johanna Bauman	Yuki Kitada
Jake Abraham	Liz Neves	James Goldstein
Jake Sherman	Brian L. Thompson	Frances Norwood
Mark Jaffe	Jessica Stein - Patrick	Patricia Slee
Will Law	Abbey Klotz	**= new members

November 2010 minutes ratified - unanimous

Election of New Officers

Election Announcements- Phil Silva is back in school, has moved to NJ and will no longer be Treasurer. Johanna would like a Co-Treasurer. Akiko has left the Service Hours Coordinator position.

Coordinator- Jon Pope 19 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstentions
Co- Coordinator- Virginia Webster 19A 0N 1 Abs
Treasurer- Johanna Bauman 19A 0N 0Abs
Co-treasurer - Brian Thompson 19A 0N 0Abs
Secretary- Traci Nottingham 20A 0N 0Abs
Box List Coordinator- Ruth Manning 18A 0N 2Abs
Service/ Open Hours Coordinator- Eva Wang & Brian Thompson 20A 0N 0Abs
Compost Coordinators- James Goldstein & Johanna Bauman 20A 0N 0Abs
Communications Coordinators- Maria Stasavage & Will Law 23A 0N 0Abs
Master Gardeners- Catherine Orrok, Traci Nottingham & Virginia Webster 23A 0N 0Abs

Amendments to Bylaws

Proposal to change Bylaws so that Officers receive Service Hours credit for Governing Body meetings-
"All persons filling Coordinator positions may reduce their required Service Hours by 50%" 23 A 0N 0 Abs

Announcements, Updates and Discussions:

Jean K. & Jessica R. welcomed the birth of their son ; James G. is a newlywed.

Johanna reminds that now that we are fiscally sponsored we need receipts for any reimbursements.

Members in good standing must meet the following requirements, perform Service/ Open Hours over the course of the Gardening season they are as follows: Box Holding Members- 18 service hours, attend at least 3 meetings and pay annual dues. Non Box-holding Members must perform 9 Service Hours attend at least 1 meeting and pay annual dues.

What counts as Service Hours: keeping the Garden open during scheduled Open Hours (for the public) count as well as working on a Service project led by a Project Manager or Coordinator. Two people maximum can sign up for an Open Hours shift. Keeping the garden open during *unscheduled hours does not count*.

Proposed Events:

Traci suggested we have **an Easter Egg Hunt** for the children of Duryea Church (& our kids) as a thank-you for letting the Church use their space for meeting. Unanimous

Jon P. proposed a **Storytelling Event** at the garden by the Brooklyn Arts Council, on the full moon in June from 7-9 pm. Unanimous
Plant Sale - one weekend only; Virginia will lead the effort. Request to spend \$300 to buy plants to sell. Unanimous
Virginia suggested we hold a **Red Cross fundraiser**- Jon advised that Johanna be consulted for any conflicts with our OSI agreement.

Treasury Report: Johanna- We had \$3034 plus a \$25 Pathmark voucher. We paid for our website & keys \$107 & \$7 respectively will be allotting \$300 for the plant sale which leaves us \$2095.

If you spend anything for the garden be sure to keep receipts so that you can be reimbursed by OSI. Also, with a letter from OSI to show to the merchant, we do not have to pay sales tax on purchases for the Garden.

Trust for Public Land: Jon P. -TPL is interested in conveying our deed this year. They were intending to hold community garden deeds temporarily (2 yrs); it has now been 10 years. Our choices are to join Bklyn-Qns Land Trust, Bklyn Assoc of Neighborhood Gardens (BANG) and less likely choices to become a non-profit ourselves or join the Bx-Manhattan Land trust. The Gov. Body met with Joanne Morse of TPL & BQLT. At our next general meeting we will invite both of them to speak to our membership. TPL has already conveyed the deeds of the Bronx & Manhattan gardens Catherine suggest that we collect & post to the listserve the available information about BQLT's structure. Jon Notes that so far there is not much info from BQLT except their Bylaws & garden Lease agreement. We will invite BANG to a future meeting to present. BQLT has already voted to accept us if we so choose.

Compost Update: Johanna -The finishing pile has to be moved from the Maple tree's root zone. If you need compost for your planting bed, there are 2 piles of finished compost in the 4x4 boxes at the back of the main aisle. More is by the sifter. Jon P. has called the city (again) to collect the brush that remains on the sidewalk. Jeff S. offered the use of his electric chipper to reduce the brush pile. Now that the mulberry is gone from the back of the garden we need to think about what we want back there. Liz will present some options at the next meeting.

Rat Update: James G - TPL was informed that we got a Rat Citation from the Dept of Health for the area of the garden at the front left. It stated that we had 5 days to take action, therefore James G. & Jon P. set out 3 traps to abate the rat population. Three were caught. In keeping with our pesticide free policy the rat boxes have snap traps in them, not rodent-cide (so don't stick your fingers in them!) Caroline from the DOH came to review & advise on practices. She was impressed with our closed -in compost bins and spoke of a rustproof Stainless steel wool that the city has had success with deterring rats burrowing in tree pits. We do have a few rat burrows, but not as bad as it could be. Caroline offered to have a "Rat Chat" seminar/ conversation for us and the neighbors on the issue of rat control.

Box Report: Ruth - from 2009, 8 people are on the waiting list; from 2010, 37 remain. Two people have left the garden freeing up 2 boxes. Ruth has no Service Hours information from Akiko so she is not sure on eligibility. The current list was passed around for member review.

Master Gardener Updates : Catherine- last weekend we had a Spring pruning session. Jon P. suggests we have another workday this coming weekend. Traci- Stakes from the mulberry were saved for garden members & as give aways at the Plant Sale. They are temporarily in Patricia's bed.

Flower Collecting Project: Frank M.- Frank recently volunteered as an Assistant Herbarium at BBG; he would like to continue his study in the garden by collecting and mounting flowers, leaves, etc. from the garden. The project would reflect the diversity of the garden through the plants members grow. Unanimous agreement

Mulberry Tree Stump- James G. wishes to dig up the mulberry stump. he will organize a team to remove it. Jake offered to split (with assistance!) the remaining branches & trunk cuttings for firewood that we could sell - for local use only since we are in the Asian Longhorn Beetle quarantine area..

Summer Programs announcements: Ms. Williams, Duryea Church- Duryea Presb. Church runs a **Summer Camp Program** for children ages 5- 14 years. Activities include Arts & Crafts, Tutoring, games, music, fieldtrips, etc. \$ 175 per week. Also currently there are Music Classes available in the evenings. Contact her at the church - 718 783 2451.

Francis thanked all those who signed her 80th birthday card last Fall.

Next Workday- Pruning : Sunday April 3, 2011 10 a.m.

Next Meeting: April- TBD after getting BQLT's & TPL's schedule minutes taken & typed by Traci Nottingham, Secretary