

Meeting held at Duryea Presbyterian Church

Attendees

Kayla Schwarz	Lisa Watkins	Liz Neves
Melissa Atwood	Marva Sealy	Roxanne Khamisi
Akosua Albritton	Virginia Webster	Lynn Armentrout
Maria Stasavage	Jon Pope (presiding)	Jennie Spector
Traci Nottingham (took notes)	Noel Rycroft **	Chad Robertson **
Will Law	Suwatana Kamutachat **	Jessica Stein - Patrick
Andrea Warmington	Johanna Bauman	Ella Morgenlander
Frances Norwood	Silke Torras	**= new members

The meeting began with round robin of introductions & hellos. In lieu of passing out envelopes for annual dues and contact info, Johanna passed around the member list for corrections and updates.

Jon then reviewed that TPL owns our garden and is eventually going to convey our deed to a local land trust and our activities last summer - the process for selecting & our vote for a land trust to join- and what the Land Trust Rep. would do at BANG meetings. We confirmed that we met our Quorum number in order to change the Bylaws this meeting.

Amendments to Bylaws

Jon proposed to modify our Bylaws in the Officers section revising "BQLT Representative" to "Land Trust Representative" (LTR) and also add language to ensure that the Garden Coordinator is not also the LTR (to avoid any possible conflict of interest or concentration of power).

Akosua also wanted to know how are service hours accounted for over the Winter time? Are they credited to the garden season or the calendar year?

During our discussion of the BANG-LT Rep, Lynn noticed discrepancies in parts of the Bylaws (mostly syntax, # of officers inconsistent with actual positions listed, etc. and volunteered to review the Bylaws for amendment at this meeting for our immediate purposes. She also volunteered to review the entire document so that any additional amendments can be made at next year's Winter meeting.

Election of New Officers

Election Announcements- Brian, Eva and Ruth are not present but have expressed interest in continuing their office. James G. is not present and has not declared his intentions and Johanna would like to step down as Co-Compost Coordinator (but will continue to assist and advise).

Compost Coordinators- Jennie Spector & Liz Neves 19Aye 0Nay 0Abstain

Communications Coordinators- Maria Stasavage & Will Law 19A 0N 0Abs

Treasurer- Johanna Bauman & Brian Thompson (in absentia) 19A 0N 0Abs

both Eva and Brian were thanked for their diligent work in keeping the service hours tally

Service/ Open Hours Coordinator- Eva Wang & Brian Thompson (both in absentia) 20A 0N 0Abs

Master Gardeners- Catherine Orrok, Traci Nottingham & Virginia Webster 20A 0N 0Abs

Box List Coordinator- Ruth Manning (in absentia) 20A 0N 0Abs

Secretary- Traci Nottingham 20A 0N 0Abs

Amendments to Bylaws cont'd

Article II Section 5 : revise service hours "season" to "garden year" 20A 0N 0Abs

Article III Section 2: revise Garden Season from "February to October" to "February/ March ending in October/ November" Unanimous

Article IV Section 6: correct number of officers from "8" to "9" and revise "BQLT" to "Land Trust Rep" and add in the LTR description "and shall not be held by the Garden Coordinator/ Administrator and serves on the Board of the Land Trust (if required)" Unanimous

for her efforts Lynn has been dubbed Garden Esquire!

Election of New Officers cont'd

Description of the Coordinator/ Administrator's position includes items listed in the Bylaws as well as take care of broader administrative duties for the garden like make annual reports to OSI, being a liaison to Green Thumb and the outside world in general, and sees that we get our annual water hydrant permit.

Coordinator- Jon Pope 19 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abs

Co- Coordinator- Virginia Webster 19A 0N 1 Abs

BANG meets on 1st Thursdays monthly. Jon has been temporarily serving as BANG Rep. Johanna has also been temporary BANG Rep. and adds that right now BANG-LT's activities are very interesting. Currently they are mostly doing fundraising, and grant writing, meeting with elected officials and still working out the Garden licensing Agreement language. Right now, BANG-LT operates under fiscal sponsorship of 6/15 Garden which is an incorporated 501c3 (non-profit).

Land Trust Representative job description : represent PHCF at BANG-LT meetings, report back to the garden membership, serve on BANG- LT's board as a member of that corporation.

Kayla Schwarz volunteered with the caveat that at the moment she is on her union negotiating committee at work and may need an alternate to attend meetings. - Unanimous

Johanna agreed to be the LTR alternate - Unanimous.

Revision to Rules

Now that we count Service Hours during the Winter months too instead of just the summer months (public compost hours, snow shoveling, etc). After discussion to clarify the span of time that service hours would be count, Jon proposed a rule that Service Hours will count from Winter Meeting to Winter Meeting. 20A 0N 0Abs

Announcements, Updates and Discussions:

BANG will be having a meeting potluck and seed giveaway on March 27th 2012. It is also in the process of acquiring its non-profit status. All are welcome to attend.

Lynn suggested that we set our meeting and workday schedule now for the coming year so that members can anticipate and arrange their schedules accordingly. We all agreed and decided to have meetings on the third (3rd) Saturday of the month, excepting one weeknight in the summer time and another Sunday meeting to accommodate those who work on Saturdays. Times to be determined according to the heat- spring time later (and warmer) meeting start time; mid-summer earlier meeting start time (to beat the heat of the day).

Virginia announced that she is going to be ordering plants for the plant sale soon from GrowNYC and will be posting to the listserve the plants available. Please let her know if you want anything in particular. In the garden, a pruning workday will be happening soon.

Treasury Report: Johanna- We have \$4280.91 less \$202 just paid for our website for the next two years & \$60 for today's meeting room. Re: soil request for boxes. Several members need soil to replenish their boxes. Jon knows someone who purchased organic soil for his new farm and will ask him for the information and order the soil ASAP.

Melissa wondered when do you get a notice of a box and asked whatever happened with the Chicken Grant. Jon explained that he knows that Ruth is working on the box waiting list now. Information should be coming soon. As for the chickens, if we do it we will have to discuss it *a lot*. Virginia noted that the chickens are great for their eggs and manure but suggested that anyone interested in chicken keeping should visit Hattie Carthan Garden and learn what it takes to do so, including cleaning the coop of dead chickens (the *real* origin of "pecking order"), watering them and feeding them three times a day, etc.

Will (on behalf of Eva) has a printed copy of the final Service Hours Report for review. Traci announced that along with today's new members, anyone who wants or needs a refresher is welcome to take New Member Orientation.

Thanks to Johanna for tasty cupcakes & Virginia for Godiva chocolates to nosh on during the meeting!

Next Meeting & Workday: Saturday, April 21, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. Raindate Sunday 4/22/12

minutes taken & typed by Traci Nottingham, Secretary