

## Attendees

Mark Jaffe	Liz Neves	Aaron Dobish **
Abbie Hurewitz	Traci Nottingham (took notes)	Cookie Thompson
Maria Stasavage	Will Law	Carla Rothberg **
Johanna Bauman	Rosemary Palms	Ella Morgenlander
Jon Pope (presiding)	R. Nottingham	
Jeff Secor	Frances Norwood	**= new members
Louise Brooks	Marva Sealy	

## Announcements and Updates:

July 2012 Meeting Minutes - ratification 10aye, 0 nay 5 abstentions

**Treasury report:** Johanna- We have \$4064.61 which includes \$1100 collected in dues to date, and we have spent approx. \$1846 on **all garden projects including** the compost bins rebuild. We also received \$957 from the Park Slope Food CoOp as a contribution to our bind rebuild expenses. (that is not yet reflected in the tally).

Johanna reminded everyone that if you are going to make purchases - especially large purchases- for the garden, since we are sponsored by a non-profit (OSI) we can make purchases tax free and should use the sales tax exempt letter. See Brian or Johanna for further info. Also, if making multiple purchases at a store, please put all the garden items on one receipt and any additional items on a separate receipt; this helps with the bookkeeping. Receipts may also be submitted to the Treasurers electronically.

**Service Hours report:** Will on behalf of Eva- Will passed around a print of individuals' Open/ Service Hours Report for review; hours can be found posted in the bulletin board and on our website.

**Communications report:** Will- Will has updated the layout of our website so that it would look better on phones and tablets and has added new content including "How to fill the orange barrels from the hydrant", "Activities to do during Open Hours" and in conjunction with Traci, added the Weed ID Guide. Traci adds that the Weed ID is a work in progress; captions and useful info will be added like what's edible or compostable and what should absolutely go in the trash. Will also wants to flesh out other categories, like the Garden's history.

**Compost report:** Liz- Construction of the new bins are almost finished; next up will be to build a browns bin and a brush pile. To complete the project, about 15 bags of gravel are needed to fill in the holes of the concrete blocks that make up the back wall of the composting area. Signs for the bins will also be needed. The excavated soil that was under neath the bins has been spread out but it was found to have a lot of glass and other debris. Questions were raised about the safety of spreading the soil that the rats had burrowed in as well as any mystery contaminants from before this garden was organized. It was agreed that soil testing should be done to make sure the soil is safe. In the meantime, the soil will be sifted of glass, etc. and spread out.

**Discussions:** Frances asked if we would be getting any wood chips soon. Every time she leaves the garden her shoes are full of dust. Jon agreed to call Greenwood Cemetery for a load.

Rosemary has a lot of blackberry suckers by her bed that she would like to remove and asked if the garden would like a communal blackberry patch. We voted if we wanted a communal patch at all- aye Unanimous. Discussions for a location included somewhere on the hill next to the raspberries, maybe the communal strawberry patch. Johanna, Liz and Rosemary agreed to come up with a few additional suggestions and present to the group for a vote.

Traci suggested since we haven't had a lot of outside Community activities lately to do something civic and have a Voter Registration drive and if anyone volunteers, to have a barbeque too. The vote was unanimous and the date tentatively scheduled for September 15th.

**Announcements:** Traci- Next time you see Elly, congratulate her on her recent engagement to Jeff (not Secor!). Jon alerted us that Gov. Cuomo has permitted Hydro-Fracking tests to take place in several lower upstate counties. Call the Governor's office to lodge your protest!

**Next Meeting: Saturday September 15 th, 2012 11:00 a.m.** raindate Sunday Sept 16th 11 a.m.

minutes taken & typed by Traci Nottingham, Secretary