

Prospect Heights Community Farm  
Member meeting  
Wednesday, June 12, 2013  
7:08-8:07 pm

**Attendance**

Jeff Secor, coordinator, presiding  
Jean Kahler, minutes  
Traci Nottingham  
Ruth Manning  
Rosemary Palms  
Brian Thompson  
William Law  
Dushyant Sahgal (new member)  
Valentine Douglas  
Redelia Nottingham  
Frances Norwood  
Ella Morganlander  
Akousua Albeitton  
Jennie Spector  
Joanna Bauman  
Anna Rosehart  
Eva Wang  
Kayla Schartz

**Treasurer report**

Brian reports:

May current balance at Open Space Institute (OSI) account: 1906.54, reflecting \$1200 tree removal.

This total does not include recent deposits from dues, plant sale, etc., totaling \$1019.

True balance is just short of \$3000

Our finances are at their usual place for this time of year despite unusual expenses, thanks to a successful plant sale (\$807 gross, ~\$335 investment, made ~\$500)

Jon has been reimbursed for keys

Any late dues to should be given to Brian, ASAP.

Joanna reports:

OSI (our fiscal sponsor) has announced a new requirement of a minimum annual deposit of \$1250. Organizations not meeting this deposit must pay OSI \$100/year. We usually meet this deposit. We may want to reconsider fiscal sponsorship in future if something becomes available via BANG.

OSI says dues checks need to be made out to OSI or to PHCF/OSI. OSI needs to appear somewhere on the check.

In future, members submitting receipts for reimbursement need to sign and print name on receipt.

### **Compost**

Jennie reports:

We have been waiting for maple stump to be ground before moving sifting pile, leaf bin, etc.

Cliff is coming Friday morning to chip maple; all hands welcome to help at 8:30am. Has requested at least \$75 donation; will use petty cash to give \$100

Brian can contact PH tree group to see if they would like excess wood chips beyond the garden's needs.

### **Service hours**

Eva & Will report:

133 project hours in May (up from 73 in April)  
39.5 open hours filled, 17 unfilled, 5 rained out

Please don't sign up if two people already signed up

Top five service hours contributors, ytd:

Ruth Manning

Jeff Secor

Will Law

Traci Nottingham

Ted De Barbieri

Check with Eva and Will to find out your total

### **General Issues**

Person interested in bee hives did not come to last meeting

Akousua asks about cutting a few specific plants; Traci will consult after the meeting

Kayla -- pear tree needs to get out of pot ASAP. Can we find a spot tonight? Or potentially put it in larger pot?

### **BANG**

Kayla reports:

BANG requests we loan \$500 for insurance costs and other general expenses (see March minutes). Other BANG gardens have already loaned money -- some more than \$500. City will reimburse the expense, but hard to say when.

Motion to extend a loan of \$500 to BANG

16 yea, 0 nay, 1 abstain

Motion passes

### **Tree Stump**

Jennie, Brian report

Grinding quote, researched by Lyn: approximately \$300 to grind stump

Motion to have stump ground at cost of approximately \$300

10 yea, 0 nay, 4 abstain

Motion passes

### **Events**

Anna has arranged a couple of Music in the Garden dates. We will pass the hat for garden donations and suggest artists give a portion of CD sales. Marcus may run a lemonade stand.

Thursday 6/27 at 7pm

(Anna will open garden at 6:30)

Xavier Card Rich (and possibly Jen Richman)

7/25 7pm

Chris Moore (Anna's husband)

### **Benefit:**

Anna's husband would like to play but cannot do August. Could we do it on 7/25? Brian and Jen can't do it then; they will continue to communicate about finding a date for that concert.

Stan also interested in playing

### **Garden Story Time**

Anna will organize a story time for kids on alternate Wednesdays, during midday open hours. (Open hours are 12-2; this would not cover all of open hours.) MDS (preschool on Vanderbilt) has summer camp during this time.

Anna can make flyers for both these ideas (Music in the Garden and Story Time) and distribute to local preschools and daycares, etc.

### **Back of Garden Brainstorm**

Jeff proposes a brainstorm of ideas for things to include as the back of the garden is redesigned.

We have had this conversation in the past, but needs and desires have evolved, specifically regarding compost.

Akousua suggests going over past suggestions to discuss all ideas, rather than only what we come up with tonight.

Jeff suggests: let's have a call for designs, reconvening of back of garden committee, create via google docs a list of past ideas, Traci will measure back of garden in preparation for next meeting.

**Next meeting**

Saturday, July 20, 10 am, in the garden