

**Prospect Heights Community Farm
4/5/14 Meeting Notes**

Attending (* = new member):

Lisa Watkins
Cheryl Crooks
Vanessa Chakour
Lynn Armentrout
Catherine Orrok
Bree Mobley
*Carly Benkov
*A. Mia Torres
Eva Wang
Louise Brooks
Neil Richardson
Traci Nottingham
Jean Kahler
Redelia Nottingham
*Michelle Dugan
Alex Gedampo
Beatrice Thornton
Joey DeLeo
Ruth Manning
*Asli Erdem
Shireen
Mohamed
Abbie Hurewitz
Sheila Berehe (?)
Allison Bowles
*Rosemarie Maurer
Jessica Stein
Johanna Bauman
*Jim Bishop
Akosua Albritton
Meredith Sloper
Jennie Spector
Anna Hart
William Law

Minutes:

Neil, Coordinator, welcome!

6 new members present—welcome! Some obligations:

- Non-box holders: 10 hours volunteer (6 to be open hours, other 4 can be anything), dues

- Box holders: 20 hours (12 must be open hours, 8 can be anything), dues

Minutes from February meeting: don't have any.

Coordinator updates:

Johanna, Treasurer:

- Balance in OSI Account: 1,822.76
- Balance in Petty Cash: 300.19
- Dues Paid Not Deposited: 230.00
- Total Balance: 2,352.95

Please be consistent about using tax-exempt status for purchases over \$50. Get in touch with Johanna to do it. If she knows in advance, she can get in touch with OSI (fiscal sponsor) for help.

Will, Communications:

Apologize for multiple reminder emails

Updated website:

- plant database (under garden resources)—if you can help identify plants in the garden, that would be great!
- Uploaded old photos to the history page

Catherine, Master Gardener:

Not much to report. Continuing with Work Day after the meeting, stay to help if you can.

Traci, Master Gardener:

Working on building a deck, and maintaining Communal Flower Cutting bed. Join in the project if you can; stay after meeting.

Eva, Service Hours Coordinator:

Open Hours sign-up available. We are open 20 hours/week as part of our GreenThumb involvement, PLEASE SIGN UP! Once you're a member you have an obligation to keep up your hours, and this is posted online.

Hours: Sat/Sun 10-4, Fri 5-7, Tues/Thurs ??

Joey, Box Coordinator:

5(?) new box holders, 2 boxes left to assign, 11 members still on the waitlist

Compost Team: For those who are interested, join the compost team, compost orientation next Saturday 4/12, (11am-1pm) open to any garden members. Contact Neil, Jennie, or website contact email for more info. Looking for new members of the compost team!

Plant Sale on May 4 (Sun), and May 10 (Sat), May 11 (Sun)—10am on for the rest of the day—if you can volunteer, please do.

Today: work day after the meeting. Pruning, digging, compost, chopping, tightening things. Sign up. Bought a pear tree, need a permanent home for it.

Compost grant: applied for a grant to buy a scale. Will know by next month if we were selected.

BANG agreement has just been signed, we are now officially part of BANG. We put our name against commitments. If certain things happen, we have to tell BANG:

- If someone gets hurt
- If something needs fixing
- If a utility worker wants to do work here

Water Permit: need to go get piece of paper from City Government building (downtown Brooklyn). Need to do this once per year, should be done by end of April. Volunteers? Akosua volunteers to get the permit this month. [applause]

Co-Secretary is needed: Rosemary will do it if no one else will. Neil nominates, Joey seconds. 18 vote yes. No abstentions. No opposing votes. Rosemary is elected.

Bylaws and Rules:

1. Box holders "must actively maintain their plots." Vote: no one is opposed, it passes.

2. Conforms rules to bylaws, voted on and Passed at annual meeting.
3. Define children: suggestion is under 18. No one opposed, it passes.
4. Not lock in where the children's beds are, but let garden decide every year.
 - a. Traci: it gets moved around, shunted off to the corner, and we're not honoring the littlest among us
 - b. Lynn: suggests moving on. Withdraws amendment so that the rule will remain the same.
5. Deals with Key: memners are entrusted with keys, cannot share, must return after membersip. No one is opposed. Added to Rules.
6. Lynn suggests: Eliminate bullet point.; it conflicts with bylaws. No one is opposed.

Space for Nursery:

Up by the Plum Tree is one option. Traci: we need a permanent nursery because we need a place to store plant sale plants; people dig up extra plants from their beds; people can propogate materials; people want a place to start seeds for a plant sale.

Catherine: we could use shady box as nursery. It means taking it out of circulation, but we did add another box last year.

Joey suggest using smaller box under dogwood tree.

Catherine suggests using both.

Neil: who can use the nursery? Response: everybody.

Will: box structure might not make sesen for nursery plants (want to sink the plants into the ground); it's more that the space is useful for it.

Anna: plums falling on it sounds bad for little seedlings. Traci points out it's more for shrubs and cuttings.

Johanna: in interst in time, talk for 2 more minutes, then vote.

Neil: who will provide oversight? Perhaps the Master Gardeners?

Johanna: moves that we take plum tree bed and turn it into nursery bed to be overseen by master gardeners and to be used for plant sale and then by all members as needed.

VOTE: 15 yes. 1 no. 1 abstain.

Approved.

Neil: gardening talk. Biodynamic calendar. Moon has influence on seeds and plants.

Meeting Adjourned.