

PHCF November 2014 General Meeting Minutes

Saturday, November 8th 1:04PM - 1:41 PM

Attendance:

Saquib Rahim, Jennifer Richman, Eva Wang, Alex Hayes, William Law, Joey DeLeo, Traci Nottingham, Brian L. Thompson, Stav Birnbaum, Akousa Albritton, Ted De Barbieri, Jessica Stein, Alexis Casano-Antonellis, Louise Brooks, Ruth A. Manning, Kira Corbin, Anna Rosehart, Abbie Hurewitz

New Members:

Jeremy Villano, Janay Daniel, Bess Fergusson

Meeting Minutes:

(Meeting led by Eva- acting administrator)

Brief introduction by Eva and welcome to new members

Vote on ratification of October 2014 minutes:

8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions

Coordinator Updates:

Treasury report by Alex:

There has been no change in status of current funds, treasury is waiting for the new monthly report from OSI- We have \$3,525.85 in our OSI account and \$384.40 in petty cash - a total of \$3910.25 in total.

BANG Report by Ted:

The next BANG meeting is this week. All are welcome to attend. BANG had its marathon bake sale for fundraising on November 2nd. BANG received a couple of city council grants - proposals may be submitted to BANG if any garden expenses need to be reimbursed. (A brief description of BANG was given by Ted to new garden members.) An arborist on behalf of BANG is coming to the garden - please contact Ted or Kayla if you can volunteer to be here to open up the gate and meet with the arborist. As per Joey who spoke with Catherine (one of our master gardeners) - this is highly recommended. Brian agrees to volunteer.

Box Coordinator Report by Joey:

Several boxes will be opening up in the spring. If anyone wants to do winter gardening and is waiting for a box, please let Joey know. (As per last month's minutes there are 32 people on the box waiting list. There are about 32 boxes and about 80 total members)

Compost Report by Eva:

There will be a compost meeting this Thursday at 8PM at Soda Bar. The meeting is to reinvigorate participation in the compost team and recruit new members. (There was a

brief review of the compost team responsibilities and projects for current and new members). The compost team is active year round and is seeking increased participation by garden members during winter months. There is a rotating schedule on Sundays - one time per month an assigned compost team member comes to the garden to help in turning over the compost. There are two more days left for the leaf drop - 11/16 from 10AM-2PM.

Master Gardener Report by Traci:

A petition was circulated by Traci on behalf of the Street Tree Task Force to increase the number of tree guards. Left over cold frames from the cold frame work shop are available for garden members. There are packets of seeds available as well, meant to be used in the cold frames for the winter.

Service Hours Report by Eva:

Open hours have ended for the season. (There is a brief review of Greenthumb open hours requirements for new and current members)

- 10 hours of service hours required for non-box holders (6 hours must be completed as open hours)

- 20 hours of service hours required for box holders (12 hours must be completed as open hours)

Eva printed out the last three years of open hours service - consistent improvement has been noted! Anyone needing to complete service hours requirements for the current season, they can now be fulfilled by compost team participation and volunteering during Mulchfest. Please contact Brian if you are interested in volunteering during Mulchfest.

Communications Report by Will:

No new updates. Gardening tips are on the website for review. (A spring flowering bulb presentation will be held after the meeting).

General Announcements:

Eva- The proposal for stewards has been accepted. Submissions for stewards are currently being accepted. (Eva gave a brief review of the steward proposal for new members).

Brian - Mulchfest volunteers are needed. Brian has agreed to be the coordinator however cannot be present the day of and a couple of days prior to the event. Volunteers are especially needed to be present and coordinate during the days of the event. Dates for the Mulchfest are currently Jan 10th and Jan 11th. (Brief review of Mulchfest for new and current garden members - people drop their Christmas trees in front of the garden for collection and mulching.). Flyers need to be posted the week before, Tree draggers are needed to collect nearby trees on the street, and someone needs to be present to coordinate with the mulchers the days of the event. Please contact Brian if interested in participating.

Please take out the trash 5 pm Fridays if you see it is full. Garbage can be taken out either Monday, Wednesday, or Friday evenings for collection the following morning.

Eva- If it snows, volunteers are needed to shovel. Please email the list serve and let us know if you have shoveled.

Brian - The garden needs salt. Saquib volunteers to pick some up for the garden after the meeting.

Jessica - We need a decent shovel for shoveling snow.

Eva- There is a big brush pile in the back of the garden - we must cut it up into 6 inch pieces and put it into the compost or we can call 311 to pick it up if we tie it into small bundles. Volunteers are needed and appreciated for help in this.

Next Meeting will be the Winter meeting, held in February or March or next year. An email will be sent out via list serve regarding the date.

Minutes recorded and typed by Jennifer Richman garden secretary 11/30/14