

PHCF APRIL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE and TIME: APRIL 11th 1:05PM - 1:47PM

Recorded by Traci, Sarah T. and Peter D., typed by Jennifer R., PHCF Secretary

Member Attendance: Traci Nottingham, Redellia Nottingham, Stav Birnbaum, Ruth Manning, Anne Lai, Aaron Dobish, Mia Torres, William Law, Brian L. Thomposon, Kayla Schwartz, Akousa Albritton, Alex Hayes, Eva Wang, Frances Norwood, Saquib Rahim, Joey DeLeo, Martha Elliot, Jessica Stein, Rosemarie Maurer, Catherine Orrok, Anna Rose Hart, Hans Steiner, Allison Bowles

New members: Chris Reid, Peter Dennis, Nathaniel Brown, Caroline Banquet, Kira Corbin, Karlyn Murphy, Sarah Todd, Nadine Folk, Michelle Fried, Isabel del Rosal.

Meeting led by Traci

Introduction and welcome to members

Officer Reports:

Secretary Report:

Ratification of meeting minutes 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention. Minutes ratified.

Treasurer Report by Alex:

We have a total \$4074.00 in our account including last years funds and dues collected during the last meeting. \$529.00 of that is in petty cash. There is going to be a possible transition from OSI to BANG in terms of our account. We will have more of a discussion about transferring our non-profit funds from OSI who is our current fiscal sponsor to BANG who is our land trust who is also non-profit. We are currently debating if we want to make that transfer. We are taking out a check from the OSI account of about \$300.00 to pay for plant sale expenses.

(Brief description of BANG Land Trust and OSI for new members)

Box Coordinator Report by Joey:

Brief explanation of box holder and general membership requirements/responsibilities. General members - requirement to come to at least 1 general meeting and 10 hours service, 60% of which must be done as open hours. There are currently 26 people on the box list. Two people have been assigned boxes today, dropping the number from 28 to 26. Joey has reached out to members on the waiting list in order to confirm that they would still like to be on it. He is still waiting for some confirmations by those members.

Master Gardener Report by Catherine and Traci:

We are implementing a Stewardship program in the garden this year. New members can sign up for areas of the garden which they would like to steward (maintain). It would

be a good learning experience for persons who are new at gardening and a great way to earn service hours.

Members did some winter pruning and we have leftover mulch from the Winter mulchfest. Someone is supposed to pick it up, possibly from other BANG garden. We cannot use it in our garden because it is too acidic. We can however use it to mulch nearby street trees in the neighborhood. Our walking path can also use a good spreading.

Communications Report by Will:

Run through for new members about how communications in the garden work. If you are a new member, please make sure you are on the list serve. We also have a website.

Compost Coordinator Report by Jessica:

Compost is in bad shape, it is very wet and not composting. It was frozen solid. Val and Jessica worked on it last weekend for 4 hours. There was still some ice in the last bin. There is a whole can filled with soil which may be a problem in terms of accepting new compost, especially from the Coop. Compost team is not sure what to do with the can of soil. It was decided be distributed to communal areas. For workday, we will start using compost, as it needs to be used in order to create space, starting with compost in the munchers. The black canisters are totally full. It needs to be used. The finishing pit is almost ready to go. It still needs to be sifted but there was no space to do so. Finished compost needs to be weighed. If underneath the sifter it has not yet been weighed, please do so if taking compost from there. We have a log book and a scale in the shed. (We are participating in a city wide initiative to measure how much waste we are taking out of the waste stream by using it as compost.) Volunteers are needed for the Compost Team.

Service Hours Report by Aaron:

We are now in open hours season, hours sign up sheet has been posted. Some members have been contacted if they were short on last year's hours requirements. They can roll-over hours this year. Service hours are collected evaluated from Winter meeting to Winter meeting. It is a one year pardon only because of the increase of hours requirements last year. For non box holders hours requirements increased from 9 to 10 and for box holders it increased from 18 to 20 hours. 60% of which need to be done as open hours.

BANG Report by Kayla:

Brief description about BANG for new members. We can switch our account from OSI to BANG. They charge us 8% per year. We can do it with BANG for free. OSI requires us to become a non-profit. BANG is already a non-profit so we do not have to. All garden members are welcome to attend BANG meetings. Pot lucks will be done throughout BANG gardens, PHCF will host is possibly in June. BANG will be participating in the 5th Ave. fair on May 17th. It is going to be a plant sale. An idea is to bring over leftover

plants from our plant sale to there. It will be held at President Street and 5th Ave. They are looking for volunteers to staff it and bring plants over.

BANG has received reimbursement City Council grants and has setup a system where they can cover our major expenses, provided we give them the receipts/necessary documentation. BANG also insures us.

We will be voting on the transfer of funds from OSI to BANG during the following meeting. (There is a possible way to avoid taxes, Redellia suggests we explore it)

General Announcements:

Stewardship sign-up passed around and explained by Traci. There are 2 1/2 areas left for stewardship. Please contact master gardeners via website (on the stewards page) or in person to sign up as a steward if you are interested. For stewards present, if there are plants that need to be re-planted because they are not in a suitable location, please let us know. If you have any questions about what a plant is, please let us know. We have a plant directory on the stewards page (thanks to Will!). The chart is color coded and has visuals. We also have a weed identification guide as well on the website and posted in the garden.

There will be a group gardening day after the meeting today.

Plant Sale

We will have plant sales on May 3, 9, 10th. (10am-4pm Saturdays and 10am-6pm Sunday.) Two hour shifts recommended. Volunteers needed in staffing the plant sale. We already have volunteers to pick up the plants. Sign up sheet distributed.

Earth Day. Wed. April 22nd. Are people interested in celebrating? A couple of years ago we hosted a music video!

Community Project at PS9 MS 571.

Saquib and Jennifer report: We manned and supervised a table at the event. We talked to children and adults about what we do and invited them to come join (many people interested in compost), we talked about different herbs and distributed herb and seed samples, distributed flyers. We made some possible contacts at the school, as there was an interest in collaborating with regard to science projects.

We also had a recent easter egg hunt.

Gardener's Mic - "Soil Building" by Akousa next month
Members, please remember to pay your dues to Alex or Johanna.

Next Meeting Sunday, May 16th 1PM.

