

**Prospect Heights Community Farm
Garden Membership Meeting, Saturday, May 14, 2015, 1 p.m.
Minutes**

Present: Akosua A, Johanna B, Erica B, Fausta D, Aaron D, Martha E, Will E (new member), Jean K, Will L, Ruth M, Bree M, Kathryn M (new member), Traci N, Rosemary P, Anna R, Jeff S, Jennie S, Jessica S.

Chair's announcements: Johanna chaired the meeting, beginning at 1:05 p.m. She announced that today's work day was still unfinished. Help after the meeting will be needed to finish cleaning the rainwater tanks and to re-install them. Bree staked the raspberry plants.

The April 2016 membership meeting **minutes** will be available for approval at the June meeting.

Treasurer's report as of May 13 (Jeff):

- Balances: New York Commercial Bank (NYCB) balance: \$2,201.97.
Petty Cash Balance: \$303.85 (not counting \$120 removed for plant sale starter cash).
- The above does not include current plant sale revenue, which is still coming in:
\$698 gross plant sale to date (\$365.50 net after subtracting \$332.50 in initial plant purchases).
- April/May Income:
\$700 in dues collected from 40 members.
\$40 from sale of compost mower.
- Recent Purchases:
\$846 for 3 cable guards (hose ramps) from ELASCO. (Please note that it's important to place the hinge side toward oncoming traffic. Johanna noted that these ramps are an expensive investment, and should be stored out of sight, perhaps under the stage.)
\$105.50 for 10 trowels from AM Leonard. (Jean reported that 4 are now in the shed, and 6 more are on back order.)
- All paperwork for bank changeover is complete, adding BANG representative and alternate Ted and Brian T as official co-signers on checks with NYCB.
- Dues are due today, May 14. Pay cash or make checks out to "BANG Land Trust."

Service hours (Aaron): Sign up for open hours on calendars on bulletin board. 80% of required April hours were completed.

Communications (Will L): Our website, PHCFarm.com, is complete with our information. (Traci added that inquiries come in from all over, including international sources!)

Boxes (coordinator not present): Johanna reported that all box assignments have been given out. The Kids' Dig Box needs repairs. Other repairs can wait until the fall.

Master gardeners (Traci):

- The plant sale continues tomorrow with the goal of selling all the plants we purchased. Volunteers needed. Suggestions made to advertise with chalked signs on sidewalks, and to put the garden “sandwich sign” on the Vanderbilt corner for more visibility.
- A garden map showing the stewardship areas was passed around. Please volunteer to help stewards of specific areas by signing the map.
- The redbud tree fell over, so was removed. A shoot, however, still lives -- to grow into our next redbud tree.

Compost (Jennie S): Regular shifts are Sundays 10- noon. Volunteers needed. Work on repairs can perhaps be done after this meeting, depending on personpower.

BANG: Representative and alternate not present, but see treasurer’s report above re bank matters.

Other ideas and announcements:

- **Respect for others’ property** (Johanna) – do not help yourself to plants in individuals’ boxes, or to “stray” equipment, etc., without first conducting a thorough inquiry to find the possible owner. Make sure visitors to the garden also understand our rule of respect of others’ property.
- **Art in our Park?** (Traci) – How about an arts event in our garden? If you like this idea, contact Traci to volunteer to help.
- **Opportunity to table an event** at a school in Bedford-Stuyvesant (Johanna) – The event is June 4, 1-6 p.m. Contact Johanna if you’d like to help.
- **GreenThumb giveaway** (Johanna and Traci) – The dates are June 4 and June 11, 10 a.m. till 12:30 p.m. RSVP by May 31. This is an opportunity to collect free tools and supplies. A volunteer with a car is needed.
- **Thin out the fruit on our plum tree** (Ruth) – The theory is that fewer fruits are more likely to stay on the tree until ripe. Consider picking off some of the numerous tiny fruits during your open hours. Traci suggested that we remove 1 out of every 4 fruits.
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Adjournment: 1:43 p.m. -- with an invitation to return to the work day projects.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemary Palms, co-secretary