

Attending

- Greg Ma
- Joey De
- Little Wing Le*
- Jeff Se
- Catherine Or
- Zach Du
- Rosemarie Ma
- Selina Ru
- Ilyssa Sa*
- Asli Er
- Charrow Ch
- JP Pa
- Melissa Bowen Ru
- Lynn Ar
- Ruth Ma
- Sara Fr
- Johanna Ba
- Philip An
- Alex Kh
- Stephen Ro*
- Joanne Di
- Alex Br
- William La
- Otilia St
- Luke Ro
- Allison Bo
- Traci No
- Virginia We
- Martha El
- Cecelia Sh
- Lee Sc
- Rachel In
- Eva Wa
- Rosemary Pa
- Akosua Al (partial attendance)
- Duncan Ra*
- Anna Hart
- * = prospective member

Traci served as meeting chair, opened the meeting at 1:06 pm

- Greeted and introduced, skipped group intro due to cold weather. Told new members to see Traci and Martha at end.
- Called for approval of previous minutes by voice vote: passed (no changes, 2 abstain)

Officer Reports

Coordinators

- Virginia was elected to Coordinator role at the March meeting under great need. Between the March and April meetings, Din approached Virginia and asked to serve unofficially as coordinator in training. A member clarified that this has happened twice in the past. Discussion centered around whether this person gets a vote, garden members in attendance came to a consensus that she should not be allowed a vote
- Other items held for new business

Tilli - Service Hours

- Sign-up sheet is in garden sign/window box at front, please sign up. Explained expectations of hours for new members. Open hours for the beginning of April were only partially filled

Will - Communications

- Introduced Luke as co-communication coordinator
- Shared three current issues with Yahoo listserv
 - Invites to join going to spam
 - Digest version not sending unless 15 accumulated messages present, recommended switching to non-digest version of listserv
 - Occasionally messages are not sending. If you are in doubt, check with him to ensure your message sent
- Please let Luke and Will know if there are any issues by contacting them at contact@phcfarm.com

Lee and Rachel - Compost

- Explained compost process for new members
- Requested additional help, stated that we are always looking for more hands
- The compost was in a weird state this winter, but is back on track, except for this last finishing pile which is taking longer than usual to be ready.
- The compost area is in good repair except for rats
- Email compost@phcfarm.com if you are interested in helping with compost
- Receipts for things purchased for compost operation can be given to Johanna for reimbursement by the co-op
- Approximately 3000 lbs of waste diverted from landfills since January 1, 2018.

Joanne - BANG Rep

- April's meeting was at 615 Green, Joanne is BANG President this term. Congrats!
- BANG is working at improving its social media presence, especially better integrating member garden accounts and BANG accounts
- New searchable google calendar for all gardens' events, plant sales, etc.
- Nothing new re: money
- Catherine agreed to be on the operations committee and Louise is on the social media committee

PHCF General Meeting, April 15, 2018, 1:00 pm in the Garden

- Each garden needs to re-sign letter of agreement with BANG, no changes from last year, needs to be done by next month
 - Discussion that coordinator needs to sign the agreement
- BANG editing bylaws (mostly grammar), Joanne requested to be empowered to approve minor changes on the garden's behalf and to bring bigger changes to the board
 - Discussion that changes will be brought to board and then the board will present to the garden
- Next meeting: May 14 at President Street corner (5th Ave & Presidents St) garden, 7pm

Anna - Box Coordinator

- This year there was a lot of box turnover with 5 new people getting into boxes and 7 people sharing boxes.
- If you are assigned a box or on the waitlist speak to Anna regarding the rules and Box contract. Virginia emphasized that the boxholders **must** know the rules
- The members document online is not yet updated. Will offered to assist.

Martha - Treasurer

- New members see me to pay dues (\$5 - \$25 based on ability, suggested \$25)
- Looking for a co-treasurer or treasurer in training because Martha plans to move next year!
- Bank Balance: \$3816.31
- Undeposited funds: \$112.12
- Petty Cash: \$218.47
- Unaccounted funds also include funds that Melissa gave to Martha
- Checking account needs another signer, see Martha if willing
- As of this month, we have spent all funds from greenhouse & compost grants we received last year.
- Working on a general operating budget for this garden year, let Martha know if you foresee any costs/incomes
 - Recent Rat Abatement expense was around \$150
 - Plant sale will accrue some cost and bring in some income

Catherine - Master Gardeners

- Brush pile turned and chopped, thank you to those who chopped your own additions to the pile. Saw one rat while doing the turning, it did not seem to have a tunnel into the ground from the brush pile.
- Turning will be done about once a month following work days
- Joey - soil testing demonstration after this meeting. Also, see Joey if you want manure
- Use the old compost on the pallet if desired, don't forget to also add soil to your box because both are needed but they are different
- If you are moving into a new box and don't recognize or need a plant already in, please share with a Master Gardener so that the plant can be replanted elsewhere or sold in the plant sale.
- Workday items:

- Rat abatement led by Greg
- Peach tree, which is dying, coming down today
- Rats seem to be feeding beside kids dig box
- Need to build a lumber rack, not necessarily today but soon, so that wood doesn't rot and rats don't decide to live around the wood
- Also need to create a cold-frame rack so the cold frame lumber and regular lumber don't get mixed up. Cold frame glass already has a home

New Business

- Johanna - Bylaw Revisions
 - Tabled
 - Please read them and provide comments directly in the google docs
 - Proposed changes to the membership types and the board still need review, please provide feedback into whether this is worth doing, stay alert and if you have ideas or concerns please let Johanna know.
- Cecelia - Twentieth Anniversary Events
 - Garden is celebrating its twentieth birthday this year
 - As it gets warmer there will be more events including
 - Bringing in neighborhood female comedians
 - Potluck(s)
 - Please pay attention to the listserv and facebook for events
- School visit on May 2nd, Anna doing it, preschool and PS 9
- Amanda and Alex Khost want to have a birthday party for daughter in garden on May 27
 - Immediate family + any members who want to join
 - Approved - please fill out event request form
- Film Shoot Request
 - PNC Bank wants to do a 14 hour film shoot for a web-based commercial on April 30, May 1, or May 2. Offered \$2,000. Crew size would be 20-30 people
 - Discussion focused on the effects on the garden, limits to garden access by members, and whether they could pay more money. Also, whether any amount of money would be "worth it" to the garden as an organization.
 - Lynn moved to vote on whether the garden wants to allow the film shoot, Joey 2nd
 - Discussion continued along same lines. Eventually the vote concluded in a nearly unanimous NO, yes = 0 and abstain = 2
 - Attempted additional vote on whether \$10,000 + additional clarifications would change the membership's mind, discussion resulted in no vote being held.
- Additional Announcements
 - Sign up for open hours
 - Sign up to be a steward at stewards@phcfarm.com or sign up sheet

- Sign up for the plant sale, pick up posters for the plant sale too and place them around area
- Mosaic project - Alex
 - Brought up again, discussed, garden likes it. Question whether this could be part of the honorifics project for garden founders/history
 - Joanna suggested doing event proposal according to guidelines, Alex consented.
- Tilli/Martha - Girl Scouts Event
 - Girl scouts want to garden in the garden to earn a badge
 - Discussion led to potential for use of a portion of the children's box, revealed that garden has no procedure to cover this type of project but that part of the mission of the garden is education.
 - Traci decided to survey garden parents membership to see if any parents' children intended to use a portion of the children's box this season.
- Plant Sale Update
 - Rose made beautiful flyer
 - Sign up for shifts please, will count toward Service hours
 - Ruth has seedlings at home for maybe 100 heirloom tomato plants
 - Jeff has seedlings in greenhouse, so does Traci
 - Cold frame has lettuce seedlings also
 - We will also purchase plants but fewer than usual
 - Ruth is planning a seed saving workshop
- Minutes by Zach D
- Meeting adjourned at 2:23 pm