

Governing Body Meeting Minutes March 17, 2019 11am (at Greg's residence)

Attendance

Zach, Traci, Judy, Anna, Catherine, Lee S., Rachel, Virginia, Greg, Johanna (left early.)
Joanne (arrived 1:00 as predetermined.)

Agenda:

- 1) Orientation for new Board members (20 minutes maximum) - ZD
- 2) Creating expectations and guidelines (10 minutes maximum) - ZD
- 3) Goals for 2019 (10 minutes maximum) - ZD
- 4) Box List - Greg and Anna
- 5) North Brooklyn Neighbors soil testing - Virginia
- 6) Daisy Troop visit requests
 - a) P.S. 9 1/29/2019 7:40:27 5/19/2019 1:10:00 PM 2:10:00 PM Sarah Garland 20-25
 - b) P.S. 316 2/11/2019 23:37:44 5/11/2019 10:00:00 AM 11:00:00 AM Kelly Titus 25 kids + 6 adults (max)
- 7) Develop Board stance on towers shading BBG to present to garden to adopt as garden stance - ZD

Zach Introduction 11:05

1) Orientation meeting between old & new Board Members- handoffs all good; Zach: meeting w/ Selina & Jennie on Thursday for transition of Secretary duties.

The 2019 List is not updated for master membership but will be when Anna meets with Martha this week.

2) EXPECTATIONS and Guidelines (how we engage among the Board):

Zach presented his thoughts for Community Standards

Catherine: communication is paramount. (all agreed.)

The GB should strive for a 2 day turnaround in responding to communications. Let it be known if you will be unavailable and won't be answering emails.

Please be mindful of what you write and whom you respond to on threads. Check your email aliases (some Board emails accidentally go to the list serve and vice versa)

Be respectful of what you forward.

Zach likes to be emailed on weekdays but texted on weekends. (emergencies, text or call)

Traci prefers to be called on the phone (if it's urgent).

3) Zach : GOALS FOR THE GARDEN 2019

Zach would like to see the garden move forward towards events other than our Annual Plant Sale etc. etc. so he created a list of events that he will be making the membership aware of at our April 14th meeting. All in support.

We like Louise's fabric seminar series idea.

We are supportive of Martha's continuing her " Buy Nothing Events. "

Lee: Compost Bins & Leaf Bin need to be rebuilt. Working w/ Noah.

Catherine: She'd like to see the Brush Pile re-awakened after our current rat situation is controlled.

Virginia: We should start the conversation for replacing our wonderful but decade old shed with a taller new shed. It will take a few seasons to realize this so we should get started with researching, funding, and design. Everyone thought this was the best idea they'd ever heard.

Traci : Continuing with the final push for our memorial bench.

Greg: Rat initiative already in progress. Traci & Greg going to reset traps after meeting.

Traci: Many people in the garden (old & new) don't feel free to talk and express opinions. We should convey that the garden is a safe place to speak.

Catherine & Judy: We need to make people feel comfortable to express themselves and we should foster & encourage this.

4) BOX UPDATE- ANNA

Summary of members in good standing. (24 on wait list, 4 owe 1 or 2 hrs) Five Box vacancies are available.

The Board will be in touch with people that have fallen short of their hours, meetings, (& dues if applicable.)

Anna keeps a separate sheet of actual standings so attempts to change it on the website by persons unknown were not applied. (Confusion ensued when it was realized the previous Service Hrs Coordinator

had not been keeping up with paperwork. Anna has sent emails to affected members and expects replies by the Mar 23 deadline)

Johanna will be making an exclusive Service Hours email address for anyone that is Service Hours Coordinator.

For 2019 it's Greg.

5) We should get out soil tested again; Virginia will provide further info.

6) Traci : Daisy Troops are coming to garden with one or two groups. 25 each with six adults. Volunteers needed.

7) Zach : How do we show our support for the BBG; a building is being erected very near the garden threatening the Garden's sun and health.

BANG has to stay neutral? Joanne checking into it.

Searching for a non profit lawyer who understands the criteria of what a non profit is allowed to do," politically. "

If this is even considered political & are we allowed to take a stance?

8) (added topic) GREENHOUSE STEWARDSHIP RUN BY RUTH & JP.

Strong support for Ruth's attempts to keep the greenhouse hygienic. Sanitation is key therefore full support for not only buying sterile soil (seed starting mix) for Plant Sale but also Members to start plants. Members should be patient as they work out an equitable solution for Plant Sale plant space vs. Box Holder plants space.

9) (added topic) COMPOST REPORT.

After analysis Rachel said there was a 42% increase from last year in drop offs during January 2018/2019 and also Feb. 2018/2019, too. She also checked w/ JP to see what he has observed (mostly people after work hoping we are open).

She & Lee are considering withdrawing from the Dept of Sanitation Compost/ Food Scrap Drop Off List.

Rachel wanted to confirm what notification was needed, if any, should our garden decide to remove themselves from the DoS list as this takes 30 days to effect. (DoS also has our drop off time incorrect)

It was agreed that the Compost runs with a good deal of its own authority and should be decided by them.

Motion to adjourn 1:35pm

Carried.

Many thanks to Greg Mason and Donny for their hospitality.

notes taken & typed by Virginia W. & Traci N.