

Sheboygan Avenue Garden

Fall Potluck & Meeting

October 8, 2014

6pm-8pm

Ruth Cadoret, Mary McCarthy, Pat Soderholm, Young Soon Lee, Cindy Statz, Geren Zhang and Garden members

I Reports

A. Treasurer

Funds are in good standing with \$8475 in the account. There are some outstanding bills.

B. Registration

Very good year for signing on new gardeners. More new members were willing to accept with 100 sf; the residual wait list is shorter than in recent years.

II Unfinished Business – Status of Work Hours

One more work day Oct 18. There are also opportunities for independent work hours. Getting work hours in is important to be in good standing at the garden.

III New Business

A. Year in Review

1. Four food grade Water Barrels were purchased and placed along east edge of the garden.

- Longer hoses were added but some plots still could not be reached.
- Protocol is to fill the barrel before using hose to water plot.

2. New Tools & Equipment were purchased this year and marked on the handles.

- A request was made to purchase water buckets or cans.
- A smaller and finer soil sifter was requested.

3. Two Picnic Tables were purchased and sealed.

B. Community Action Coalition no longer supports community gardens after 34 years.

1. City of Madison and UW Extension of Dane County have stepped in to provide community garden support.

2. Community Groundworks will be the new 5013c

3. For more info go to Danecountycommunitygardens.org

4. City of Madison compost is no longer provided to community gardens.

5. ARS-West Madison will sell composted soil in lieu of leaf mulch to the garden in the spring.

6. Wood chips from the city of Madison has not worked out, but a load may be delivered this week.

C. Concerns about safety in the garden was discussed.

1. Trespassing and unauthorized picking was a problem this year.

2. The Capital Police phone number (608) 266-8797, will be posted at the garden.

3. A sign that the garden is personal property will be posted.

D. Garden Preservation

1. A new Hill Farms DOT development plan is being worked on.

2. Hill Farms land is being considered for sale and excess property by the state. 3. A 2007 agreement with State and City specified that Sheboygan Ave. Garden would be satisfactorily re-located if necessary, and that the transition would be smooth, with no loss of a gardening season.

E. Abandoned Gardens

1. It was suggested that gardeners who abandon gardens not be allowed a garden again and garden turned over to new gardener.
2. It is hard to draw the line between what looks like an abandoned garden, and simply a different gardening style.

F. Suggestions for Next Year?

1. Let the board know any new ideas you have.

G. Call for Elections

1. The existing board has agreed to continue for the next year.
2. People are encouraged to contact the board if they would like to be involved in board work.

IV Announcements

Fall Cleanup day is Saturday October 18th

V Adjournment