

Sheboygan Avenue Community Garden – Board Meeting

Date: January 28, 2021

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:05 pm

Location: Conference Call

Attendees: Jim Baumann, Jim Dudley, Ruth Cadoret, Julie Grim, Geren Zhang, Emma Sams.

Special Guest: Nicholas Leete, Gardens Network Manager, Rooted.

Acceptance of Meeting Minutes - Minutes of 6/4/20 Meeting have been sent to board. Board will review and discuss at next Garden Board Meeting.

Reports:

- A. Plot Monitor: Garden snow covered.
- B. Treasurer: Not Present
- C. Timekeeper: Nothing to report.
- D. Registrar: 13 People are on the Waiting List

Business:

- A. Discussion ensued regarding 2021 Budget as proposed by Coordinator Jim Baumann. Budget was approved by majority vote. Water fees (\$5.00 per plot) will stay the same for 2021 as they were in 2020.
- B. Work hours discussed.
 - a. In 2021 Community Gardeners who have a 100 sq. foot plot will need to complete 3 hours of community garden work and those who have a 200 sq. foot plot will need to complete 5 hours of community garden work. This is a reduction of one hour from last year requirements.
 - b. Discussion ensued about gardeners who had not completed their community garden work hours in 2020. Those gardeners will need to complete their work hours this year in 2021. The Garden Board approved that if gardeners had completed their work hours in 2020, they would not have an obligation to work more hours in 2021.
- C. Nicholas Leete, Gardens Network Manager, spoke on 2021 Garden Summit.
 - a. This year it will be held virtually on Friday Morning 2/12/21 and Saturday Afternoon 2/13/21. For signup go to: DaneGardens.net/conference to register. No fee is required but donation is suggested. There will be a series of garden workshops for vegetable diseases, insect pests, soil health and no-till gardening. There will be a talk on COVID19 protocol for community gardens from public health, talks about Garden-Community Connections, Connections with Food Pantries as well as Connections in Multicultural Gardens. Some break-out Roundtable discussions will happen as well.

- D. Discussion ensued about the Garden Registration Process for 2021.
 - a. The goal is to have Registration Materials available by 3/1/21.
 - b. Suggestions included not processing registration forms until payment is received, online registration and online payment options.
 - c. Emma Sams will investigate options and bring information forward at the next Garden Board Meeting.
 - d. Julie Grim volunteered to be present in the Garden for those who want to hand deliver registration forms and payments.
 - e. Jim Baumann, Coordinator, will draft a proposed cover letter to put with Registration forms. One of the additions to the cover letter this year will be information that if gardeners want to garden on the same plot as last year, the registration fee and completed forms must be received by specified date. There can be no guarantees of having the same plot as last year if forms/payment is received after the deadline.
- E. Garden Handbook for 2021 – to be discussed at next Board Meeting. Proposed topics for discussion include:
 - a. Plot Fences/Gates within the community garden.
 - b. Placement of political/ideological signs.

Announcements:

- A. Next meeting dates/time:
 - a. Thursday, February 11, 2021 via conference call. 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
 - b. Thursday, February 25, 2021 via conference call. 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Minutes recorded by: Julie Grim, Secretary
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