

Minutes of Meeting of the All Gardeners Meeting

Sunshine Community Gardens

February 11, 2023

Attendees: Approximately 55 gardeners were in attendance. As there were no official actions, a quorum was not required and there was no sign-up sheet.

At 10:13 a.m. President Jim Willmann began the meeting.

1. Children's Garden

The work on the Children's Garden is substantially complete.

2. New Raised Beds

The garden will be expanding the raised bed area.

3. Trailer and Tool Shed Lock-up

Gardeners should always lock up the trailer and toolshed after dark, even if they are not the last gardener there. The gardeners generally know the lock combinations and can get into the buildings if they have a need.

4. Front Gate

There is no update on the status of the front gate.

5. Website

The website master, Sharon Rempert, is withdrawing from gardening, but will continue to help out until May.

Bill Cason had the following announcement:

6. Clean-up Team

There are currently five gardeners on the list for the clean-up team. More volunteers are welcome and should contact Bill to join. Team members can qualify for exemption from service hours. Bill tries to schedule team activities on Saturday but will accommodate other times as needed.

Currently, the team reaches out to new gardeners to help them clean up messy plots. The long-term goal is to expand the clean-up help to other gardeners who may have medical conditions or other issues.

Marsha Riti and Karl Arcuri, Plant Sale co-chairs, made the following announcements:

7. Plant Sale Participation

The plant sale is the garden's biggest fundraiser for the year, and needs participation by everyone. There is a sign-up link on the web site. Volunteers are especially needed for hauling compost and writing receipts. Sign-up is also needed for the pot luck breakfast and lunch provided for the volunteers.

Karl said that the silent auction has several donations so far, but always needs more. Please contact him if you have a donation.

Boxes are still needed. They are being stored in the hoop house for now. Susan Prosperie still needs pass-alongs, especially succulents.

Post cards are in the trailer. Please take some to post or distribute in coffee shops, community bulletin boards, etc. (You should check to make sure you have permission first.)

Go to Facebook and Instagram pages for the plant sale and vote or like. This helps us show more followers for a larger social media presence.

8. T-Shirts

T-shirts with the Sunshine Community Gardens logo are still available. They can be paid through PayPal, check or cash. They are available by seeing Marsha at this meeting, and they will also be available for sale at the plant sale.

9. Acknowledgements

Marsha and Karl want to thank Susan Waller and Suzanne Bradford for everything they have done.

Thanks also to all the teams who have been getting ready for the plant sale and who will be working to make the plant sale go smoothly. Ila Falvey is leading a workday today.

Debra Mariano, Treasurer, gave the following report:

10. Budget

The Annual Budget adopted by the board is on the web site. The main source of income for the garden is the plant sale, so it is important for it to be successful.

11. Dues

The amount of dues is down somewhat, mostly because of many withdrawals. The plot coordinator has been busy reassigning those plots.

The collection rate is at 96%. Also, gardeners have done well in working and recording their service hours last season.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 A.M.