

GRAND COMMUNITY GARDENS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
June 15, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 5:41 pm.

Present: Board members: Cathleen Brown, Patty Alander, Julie Hines, Marilyn Binkley and Merilyn Hunter.

Minutes: there was a motion, a second and unanimous approval of the April meeting minutes as corrected. (There was no May meeting).

Financial Reports: The financial reports were received late last night and the board hasn't had time to review them.

Check Requests and Deposits: Reimbursement and check requests were circulated and signed. Merilyn will be turn these in to the extension office on 6/16. A reminder -- We can ask Caroline to email us a copy of our tax exempt form to use for purchases.

Email business: None.

Report on the website: None.

Report on Facebook: Cathleen has been posting on Facebook on a regular basis.

Reports on garden sites:

Kremmling: Travis reports, via email, that Kremmling has one paid bed and another two more beds coming in. Had several take application but never brought them back to office. There is one bed that has been exchanged with Nina Wood for work. Three beds are planted with garden potatoes and one planted with onions. Next week Travis will be planting a bed with green and yellow bean and one bed with a trial for Food Grade Milo. Any other empty beds will be planted with spinach or lettuce later in June to time for September harvest.

Travis has contracted mowing with Gracean Hoesli for 1.5 hour per week to weed whack in the walk way and weed in community beds. She has agreed to \$9.00 per hour. She started June 1 and will work for 10 weeks for total cost of \$135. She does not know it yet but will be helping with planting also. She has submitted a bill for first two weeks for \$27. If approved, Caroline will pay her this week.

The board expressed concern about employing a child to weed-whack. Is this legal? Would Gracean be employed under CSU? Cathleen will do some research on employing children and email Travis with concerns. Board approved paying Gracean \$27 for mowing twice.

Fraser: Going full bore. Have a wait list. One bed hasn't been taken care of. Shade cloth put on last week. Rec department parent/child classes going well.

Granby: Has had issues with the water supply to the garden. There was no water for a few days but it has been restored now. Raspberries and gooseberries are doing well. One gardener who rented 3 beds hasn't shown up.

Hot Sulphur Springs: All beds except for one, which needs work, have been rented or will be community beds. Some beds with excessive weeds – gardeners have been contacted.

Old Business:

Review of 4/25 Garden Classes: This class was a Round Table format. Melinda McWilliams was the facilitator and it was thought to have worked well.

T-shirt sales: No smalls left. 9 left mostly in the yellow/beige color.

Potatoes: The potato order was smaller than we anticipated. We'll consider looking at different sources for potatoes next year.

New Business:

Garden to Table Dinner update: 9/11/15 will remain the date for the event. Patty will tell Brickhouse 40 in September what we have available and then they can design the menu around that. Cathleen will check to see if Fraser has planted a bed of potatoes for the dinner. Patty is planting carrots. Marilyn will plant mesclun and beets.

Letter of resignation – Marilyn Binkley has submitted her resignation effective today, 6/15/2015. The Board expressed their appreciation of her work as both a Board member and as a site coordinator and accepted her resignation with regret.

Review Assignments:

Cathleen – Check on a potato bed in Fraser; contact Travis about employing Graean.

Patty – T shirts; Garden to Table dinner bed in Kremmling

Julie – Will look into a procedure for HSS excess produce to be donated to WIC

Marilyn – Look at sources of potatoes; minutes.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be on Monday, July 20 at 5:30 pm at the Kremmling garden.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.