

Clinton Community Garden Minutes 1/04/2023

Present: Andy Padian; Catherine Lafferty; Chris Sharp; Michele Troise; Ruth Marinaro; Andie Houde; Veanne Cox; Foram Sheth; Absent: Monica Hoyt

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:40pm.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were not pre read or pre approved, although they were sent to all

Old business: The garden member who requested a wedding in the garden rescinded their request

Member changes: the committee accepted Andie H. Davies resignation and collectively thanked her for her work in the garden. To temporarily fill her position, Deborra Mullins agreed to step in until March.

Committee member re-election: It was noted that we need more members of the Steering Committee, all members were requested to reach out to prospective active gardeners and volunteers. Existing members were asked to decide if they were going to run again.

Annual meeting and year end prep

John Carney award nominees- preliminary nominees include Lisa who works on the compost, Phil Tietz, and Stan Friedman. Nominations and voting will be completed next meeting.

Soil amendment dates – will be decided later in the spring

Letters for grant/support: Andy Padian agreed to draft them for the committee to approve

Discussion about annual meeting in person or live, Andy agreed to contact Fountain House for a live meeting.

Plot renewal forms need to go out, volunteers were requested, Veanne agreed to work with Foram to complete

The credit with Victorias was brought up, we will try to use the credit for additions to the tree pits, some approval is needed from Parks, Andy is working on it. Could also use for soil amendments.

It was noted that we needed new plot markers, all SC members were asked to research and be back next meeting. Ideas were suggested by Cat, Foram, and Debbie

Our annual requests for support from Green Acre and NYCT need to be written Andy agreed to write

Financials: The SC has not received full financials in a few months. All SC members requested to receive it soon, Chris, Foram, and Debbie agreed to have it by next meeting. Andy noted that we should have a 3rd party review our books just to protect our 501 (c) 3 status.

With no other business to attend to, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed unanimously at 8:32.

Addendum: After the meeting was adjourned, a long-time gardener requested to use the garden for a short film, which would not disrupt the garden, on January 24. The event was approved via email.

Respectively submitted, Andy Padian, Recordkeeper