

Clinton Community Garden Steering Committee Meeting (via Zoom)

Monday, October 2, 2023 (First meeting with our revised meeting day of the first Monday of the month)

Members present: Cat, Clarence, Debbie, Foram, Homar, Mark D., Mark K., Tony

Member absent: John

Meeting called to order: 7:32 pm

Old Business:

Discussion of Meeting Date: We will meet on the first Monday of the month in November, and revisit the meeting day for December (and for going forward) in the November meeting

Financials: Homar went over the Treasurer's Report

Homar noted, and the steering committee discussed, that our annual service fee for the CCG's Morgan Stanley account is \$175. We agreed this is an unnecessary fee to incur given the type of account it is. John will research options (including our moving that account to another financial institution).

Discussion of Fall Bulb Order:

Jane graciously made the CCG's Fall Bulb Order based on the individual selections of the front-bed gardeners for their respective plots and their individual budgets (allotments) for Fall bulbs.

Foram's Fall-bulb request slightly exceeded her allotment, so Foram requested an approval for her bulb-spend overage of \$7.96. Cat made a motion to approve (and have the CCG pay for)

the \$7.96 overage, and Debbie seconded it. The motion was passed unanimously.

October Key Sales: Tony and Mark K are scheduled for tomorrow, Tuesday, October 3rd.

For Key Sales on Saturday, October 7th (which will be our last CCG key sales of the season): No one is scheduled to sell; Mark D said he may be able to sell and will confirm w/us via email. Foram also may be able to sell and will confirm once Mark responds with his availability to sell keys on Saturday.

CCG Mobile Phone: We need to pay for more T-mobile service: Tony will go to a T-mobile to price our options.

We discussed the importance of selling keys and honey in person. Mark K reiterated the importance of discussing the CCG's Keyholder Agreement while the key purchasers are there under the CCG's gazebo buying their new keys (a more personal interaction). He says that such in-person conversations about the CCG lead new key holders and honey purchasers to give donations (for which we are grateful, regardless of whether the donation is \$1.00 or \$100.00).

Volunteer Coordinator Update:

Clarence updated us that we should be getting printed "Water me, Pretty please" watering signs from Vanessa of GreenThumb soon (a water-drop icon on a printed sign for back gardeners to stake in their plots to indicate that others may water their plot while they are away).

2023 Honey Harvest: Foram reached out to Andrew (beekeeper) to submit his invoice for 2023. We have some honey labels in our locked cupboard in the shed (left side). Andrew (the beekeeper) will let us know when our honey harvest is ready.

2023 Green Acre Support (Funding to the CCG): GreenAcre announces their amount of support in May. We discussed again ordering our soil amendments from Hicks Nurseries, Inc. in Westbury, NY as that is what we use the GreenAcre support funds for.

Updating CCG's Authorized Check Signers: Cat, Homar, Foram, Clarence, and John will make arrangements to meet at our bank. Cat, Homar, and Foram are already authorized to sign checks, but we need the new signers present as well as the existing ones.

Memorial Brick Ceremony: Jane emailed asking for a rain date of Sunday, October 8th.

Foram made a motion to approve a rain date for the Memorial Brick Ceremony as Sunday, October 8th. Cat seconded the motion, and we unanimously approved it. I moved and Foram seconded that the CCG provide a budget of \$100 for light refreshments for the Commemorative Brick Ceremony (e.g., seltzer water). The motion unanimously passed.

8:48 pm: Foram moved and Mark K seconded to adjourn our CCG Steering Committee meeting; motion unanimously passed

Meeting adjourned.