

Community Garden Council Meeting
Minutes (7:00pm Jan 19, 2015)

Present: Anthony, Eva, Shane, Jill, Carol, Tammy
Guests: Minae, Daisy, Kim, Susie

- I. Call to order: Anthony called the meeting to order
- II. Approval of last meeting's minutes: Minutes were sent out for review. Anthony discovered the mystery of the \$100 difference in the budget. Anthony paid for the Police garden and was reimbursed by Lorraine. A cheque was never received from the Region. Anthony got a call from the Region asking why we did not cash the cheque. The Region will issue another cheque.
- III. Visitors were introduced and welcomed
 - a. Daisy has worked with CGC previously (MC'd one of our events) and is trying to foster a garden system in the Fergus – Wellington area
 - b. Kim is from Seeds of Diversity and Susie is from Evergreen
- IV. Business
 - a. Pollinator Program, Hope and Unity CG (Kimberley) Kim provided an overview of Seeds of Diversity and its relationship with Canadian Organic Growers and the Heritage Seed Program. Due to the link of pollination and seeds – the Pollinator – Food Hedge Program developed to increase biodiversity around the garden. They worked closely with Jeremy and Harriet at the Hope and Unity Garden at the Salvation Army church last year creating their Food Hedge AKA “Fedge”. This would be a great site to host an event to increase awareness of biodiversity and the food hedge. Ideal time would be in July or August.
 - b. Event: Community Garden Forum, Feb 16, 1-4pm, Evergreen (Susie) Susie is the project coordinator for Evergreen locally. We are co-hosting a World Café forum February 16. Members are encouraged to go online to register. The event will be held at KW Habilitation Centre on Ottawa street. Starting with refreshments at 1:30 and welcome at 1:50 pm. Carol will bring the community garden display there.
 - c. Food Bank of Waterloo Region, sponsor, board package due Feb 10. Carol provided a very rough draft of a letter requesting sponsorship. Members provided feedback. Carol will revise and send out for further input. Public Health will also provide input before the letter is sent to Katherine MacDuff at the Foodbank.

- d. Jason to speak at Waterloo Horticultural Society. Anthony will check in with Jason re: his availability. Shane has already given Jason a heads-up.
 - e. Event: Seedy Saturday, Feb 20, 9-2:30pm, KPL. Shane and Eva are willing to take the display to this event. Carol to send the e-application. Cost to participate is \$35.00. A cheque was made out to the KW Horticultural Society. Shane will get Jason to co-sign.
 - f. Potential new volunteers: Art, Lindsay, Minae, Tanya (Carol). There is new interest in volunteering with community gardens.
 - i. Minae is willing to join CGC and is keen on helping us with our social media presence starting with Facebook.
 - ii. Art is interested but we need someone to meet with him after hours – Carol asked if Anthony could connect with him
 - iii. Tanja and Lindsay have also indicated interest – Carol has contacted them.
 - g. Cambridge City Green (Tammy) Tammy informed us of an upcoming food scaping event at City Hall March 30; 6:30 p.m.
- I. Recurring business
- a. Financial Report (Lorraine) Lorraine investigated the Bank of Montreal and does not recommend an account with them as they charge \$2.50 per month. The account balance at GRCU is \$ 513.00
 - b. Anthony will hold the extra blank cheque for Jason/Greg
- II. Calendar
- a. Next meeting Feb 16th (3rd Tues)
- III. Adjournment