

COMMUNITY GARDEN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES (7:00PM FEBRUARY 21, 2017)

- I. Call to order by Anthony
- II. Approval of last meeting's minutes – Minutes approved
- III. Visitors: Roundtable introductions: – Stephen from Vermont Park Community Garden, April from Ecole Harmonie; Council members: Eva, Susie, Jill, Anthony, Eva, Lauren, Jenn, Carol
- IV. Regrets: Jason, Greg
- V. Business
 - a. Teacher Engagement: April shared her thoughts on getting teachers involved. She states that having the tools ready for teachers to use plus education on gardening would be helpful. She is interested in being a part of the workgroup:
 - b. School funding and plan: Plan reviewed – Stephen encouraged us to include an indigenous component - Stephen teaches at Laurier and may have students interested in taking on a component of planning or outreach. As far as the garden build, a suggestion was made to connect with seniors' wood working groups
 - c. Seeds of Diversity: Approached Bob – open to a partnership – will need a partnership agreement likely – Jill has a friend who is a paralegal who would be helpful in drafting the letter and helping us with becoming a board
 - d. World water day – March 22 – April is organizing a water walk and is working on permission slips – she will forward details. She is part of a Laurel creek citizen working group involved with water conservation
 - e. Healthy Kids – Application due mid march – Jill volunteered to work on the application
 - f. CGC hosting financing: Emily requested if the council would be willing to host their garden's financing. Money at EMS held informally through a personal account held by Emily – not a secure -accountable way to manage their money. Problem with banks – not a formal entity – want a formal arrangement with finances – She asked if CGC has the capacity to take on garden accounts? Members discussed this issue - many gardens may have similar challenges. As more people become involved, continuity becomes difficult. Idea – do a survey to see how other gardens are managing their money

- g. Cooperative Community Kitchen: St Johns kitchen @TWC – originally in the church then moved to TWC. St John's is in becoming involved with a cooperative kitchen again. They have a certified kitchen for use – reasonable priced – operate like a coop. Great for workshops – church covering over head. They are currently developing bylaws – volunteers needed. Make accessible for community. Connected to the gym – space for events. Water and King St location
- h. West Vale Public School – Emily trying to get school garden going – talking to parent council. Needs a volunteer to speak to the group?
- i. Edible tree funding: Trees Canada application open
- j. Ontario Edible Education Network is an electronic newsletter available to schools for garden to kitchen resources
- k. Blogging partnership: rare offered to become a blogging partner. Carol connected to Lauren
- l. Seedy Saturday – Volunteer are needed to attend. Jill and Jenn to take display.
- m. Waterloo Earthday – Busy need 2 volunteers

VI. Recurring business

- a. Financial Report (Lorraine) Problems with issuing cheques remains. Cheque could not be issued for Seedy Saturday registration. Anthony provided money to Jill to register for the event. Need to resolve the funds issue –Everyone to ask at their banks to see if they will take on Not-for-Profit groups.

VII. Calendar

- a. Next meeting March 21 (3rd Tues)

VIII. Adjournment