

Attendees

- Allison Bow
- Akosua Al
- Amanda W
- Dave Cul
- Debra Phi
- Eirann Co
- Greg Ma
- Jack Jan
- Jennie S
- J.P.
- Keene C
- Melissa Bo
- Noah Br
- Pamela Tu
- Philip An
- Rachel In
- Rosemarie Ma
- Rosemary Pa
- Sheila Bow
- Sofia van
- Thomas Bla
- Traci No
- Vanessa Mo
- Virginia We

Prospective Members

- ◆ Diana Eck
- ◆ Parker Win
- ◆ Rachel Horzempa

Agenda

1. **Call to order & introductions** - 12:08pm start, Traci presiding
2. **Approve previous minutes**
 - a. August 17, 2019 - ratified unanimously
 - b. September 8, 2019 - ratified unanimously
3. **Officer reports**
 - a. Coordinators: Traci
 - i. To join: attend one meeting (two for good standing), complete orientation, pay dues \$5-\$25
 - b. Secretaries: Jennie took minutes, Selina not present
 - c. Treasurers: Martha and Rosemarie (Rosemarie gave report)
 - i. Balances
 1. Checking account: \$4,440
 2. Paypal balance: \$387.23
 3. Petty cash balance is: \$190.00

- ii. Earmarked Money \$1000.00 Total:
 - 1. Memorial Bench: \$600.00 - has been ordered & will arrive in 2-4 weeks
 - 2. Memorial stone and engraved leaves: \$400.00 - Traci is collecting information, three leaves will be ordered for the three garden members who passed away.

-BANG is asking us to use our credit card or PayPal so that we have a better accounting of what we spend; Traci explains that the grant from City Councilmember Laurie Cumbo means that we need to keep a paper trail and so cash should not be used if possible.
- iii. New: In order to support the eligibility of our land trust (BANG) to receive city grant money it is preferable to use the garden debit card or a garden check to make purchases. Please contact Treasurers for assistance making purchases whenever possible.
- d. Master Gardeners: Catherine, Traci, Virginia, and Joey (Traci gave report)
 - i. New stake corral installed
 - ii. Quick crops to plant now (lettuce, radish) & it's bulb planting time
 - iii. Ask the Master Gardener today - ask questions about house or garden plants at 1:30pm after the meeting
- e. Compost: Lee and Rachel (neither present, Traci gave report)
 - i. Lee installed locks on all the wooden bins to discourage people from adding new organics to those bins. (Also, FYI, if you are new or don't already know -- never add food scraps to the wooden bins. These are for the compost team's use only.)
 - ii. Leaf Drop, the compost team's annual leaf collection, will begin next month! We will need volunteers to help scout out leaves in the neighborhood and possibly shred leaves. The dates are currently Nov 10 and 17, and Dec 1 and 8 (start date is subject to change if no leaves are falling yet!). Please stay tuned for more info on the garden listserv. - Virginia explained
 - iii. We are always looking for volunteers. Please email compost@phcfarm.com for more info.
 - iv. Leaf Bin - Noah explained that the leaf bin will get a door this week, tarp will go over the top and then scavenge materials (cedar shingles) over the winter to cover the top; there was some discussion of approving funds to purchase cedar shingles but Noah decided to wait to see if materials can be found.
- f. Communications: Cecelia and Johanna (neither present, Traci gave report)
 - 1. website hosting has been transferred to the treasurer's credit card
 - 2. updates to the website: Kids Corner and Composting page
- g. Service Hours: Greg (Greg gave report)
 - i. 63% of Open Hours were filled in September; great improvement over last time. October sign-up sheet is out and still has lots of open slots
 - ii. Service hours - shed clean up hours & those who helped with wedding set-up still need to be put in.
- h. Boxes: Anna (not present so no update was given)
- i. BANG: Joanne and Judith (neither present)
 - i. BANG meeting at Warren St. Marks Garden - date not known. All invited.

4. Committee reports

- a. Rat Pack: Greg
 - i. Bait boxes were refreshed a couple days ago; rats continue to enjoy the bait (but not for long).
- b. Shed Committee: Cece (not present, Traci and Greg gave report)

- i. Shed Inventory results can be found [here](#) - Cece, Greg & Zach did an inventory; Akosua commented she could not find a broom last time she wanted to sweep but inventory shows we do have a push broom
- ii. Would like to have a discussion re: which option to proceed with (see Inventory results) -
- iii. If donating tools, I (@Cece) can take point on finding a place to donate them
- iv. Timeline for options involving a new shed means waiting until winter end to begin construction. Wintertime can be used for research

-Cece recommends Option C to Clear Space & Replace Shed

-Melissa suggests that we just purchase a new shed because we have the \$

-Thomas said that we looked at some options at a previous mtg & now

-Traci suggests that Cece should call a committee meeting to hash out options and report back

5. Unfinished business

- a. Event Request Form updates still being finalized for review & will be sent out later this month by Traci
- b. Projects
 - i. Memorial Bench and Plaza Signage update - see above

6. New business

- a. East Side Outside Community Garden \$100 donation Martha/ Rose (Rose reported) - approved unanimously
- b. Recent Events quick recaps
 - I. Tapestry Workshop - Sophia reported that there was a workshop last Saturday, 10/5, there will be another one 10/26 from 12-2pm.
 - II. Kid's Social - was last Saturday, 10/5 - Traci made bags for kids of burlap donated from wedding
 - III. Buy Nothing PH swap - was last Sunday, 10/6
- c. 21st Annual Pumpkin Smash Potato Bake Bash - on Nov. 2 from 12-4
 - i. Potluck or shopped - potatoes and charcoal are purchased through the garden, please bring something to contribute and will need people to volunteer too ; Eirann volunteered to get charcoal from the coop if they have it.
 - ii. Volunteers needed to tote smashed and chopped pumpkin to GAP because our compost system cannot absorb it - email compost team/listserv or see Traci after meeting to volunteer
- d. Events Proposals - Halloween related at the Pumpkin Smash - ideas to use the \$1000 that BANG gardens have to spend on community engagement
 - i. Spooky Garden Walk - no one was interested
 - ii. Halloween Candy hand out - decided against this.
 - iii. Pumpkin Smash entertainment
 - Traci suggested hiring a face painter and Amanda suggested that we hire a 13 yr old banjo player Nora Brown; There was also a request to make seed bombs at Pumpkin Smash which Traci will arrange.

7. Announcements

- a. Workday Tasks
 - i. Weeding for rat abatement
 - ii. Painting the bulletin board, new sign board

iii. Seed collecting

- b. Ask a Master Gardener: October 12, 1:30 - 3:30 pm & Oct 26, 2pm - 4pm
- c. BANG Monthly Meeting: date not known
- d. Fiber Arts Workshop: Tapestry Part 2: Sat. October 26, Noon - 2:00 pm; Nov Quilting TBA
- e. 21st Annual Pumpkin Smash Potato Bake Bash: Saturday, November 2, Noon - 4:00
- f. Drain Water Tanks soon - will be emptied into the water barrels so that people ca
- g. November Meeting: Saturday, November 9, Noon - 1:00 pm
- h. Other announcements - Virginia announced about ongoing Fight for sunlight at BBG due to proposed tall building on Franklin that would bring shade to garden 4 hours a day.

8. Adjournment - Traci adjourned 12:57pm