

Garden Club Meeting February 25, 2012

Present: Suzanne S, Betty Jean W, Dee D, Christina O, David W, Cynthia W, Giovanni D, Glenn H, Amy K, Maura S,

Agenda:

Suzanne opened meeting, welcomed new members

Seed Order - group order... aren't stuck with whole pack when just need a few seeds and dollar stretches further. Can divvy up seeds (like stock exchange)

Plant Wish List

Food Forest looking for ground cover plants, perennials, and ornamentals will be considered. Edible plants are preferred. They want pollinators to start checking out the site. Black pots are also needed. They are open to adopt any kind of plant. Contact : beaconfoodforest@weebly.com

Pear Tree Stewardship

City Fruit is providing stewardship training for fruit trees. Garden Club is looking for stewards for the Headquarters House fruit trees. Garden Club fruit tree stewardship good for our relationship with Headquarters.

Need a volunteer to do assessment: age, condition, number to be reported to GCH for approval for stewardship. BJ suggest contacting Master Gardeners. Perhaps Mick (from El Centro). Giovanni would like to be a steward along with Suzanne and Betty Jean.

Giovanni recommends trees be pruned this winter. Glenn and Giovanni can do initial pruning in a day. BJ will bring up to Headquarters regarding pear trees to be pruned in February. They will remove cuttings. Maura offered to help cut up debris. Once permission is granted and date set, we will send out notice of a work party. Will see if we can invite current GC Headquarters gardener

Food Forest and Pea Patches

May be a desire for a Beacon Hill communal growing space perhaps sponsored by Garden Club (popcorn, some crops, one crop, pumpkin patch for Harvest Fair, donate to food bank) \$10/year for a 10x10 spot. Teen program has interest in gardening but needs help and direction. There was a brief discussion about grafting tomato plants.

Garden Club members present agreed we would like to have PPatch at Food Forest.

Bee Movie - The Vanishing of the Bees by Bob Redmond

Bob Redmond – Urban Bee Company (places and manages hives in people's yards and has honey CSA)

Garden Club will partner with Food Forest to present Bee Movie.

\$100 screening fee – maybe covered by Food Forest levy money. Banquet license is \$10.

March – Friday night? Christina will confirm with Bob/BJ will contact GH for reservation. Glenn/Christina will coordinate with Betty Jean.

Treasurer report

Nov. – 10 members + 100-40=60

Dec. - 10 members +100-member – fees 90 + 8 ornament sales = 78.50

Jan balance - \$78.50 (no need to pay Jan rent)

We discussed bringing items for donations/raffles in future.

We discussed dividing Food Forest/Garden Club split of profits. The December movie was a Food Forest event already set up. For future events proceeds after net expenses will be split as well as labor. Event will be shared.

Paid members received a membership card.

Send out website link of federated garden club.

As of end of meeting, treasury is \$108.50

Other News

Robert reported Cypress tree cut down at Food Forest location.

Greenways will be planting trees “opt out” along greenway

Next meeting is 3/28 tentatively at Garden House

Does anyone want to mentor a newbie on pruning rose bushes? Or put on a rose pruning workshop?