

Present: Martha Chieply, Gordon Hubbard, Norma Jansma, Lois Huisman, Dean Ellinger,,Mark Staves, Sheila Blackman (recorder)

1. Approval of agenda - Approved

2. Reports

- a. Credit card balance (all) - \$20 lower than last time
- b. Financial statement (attached) (all)
- c. Newsletter (Martha) – schedule will be “ad hoc” until a committed core of contributors is formed
- d. FHNA efforts to engage with neighbors re their use of the garden – will be re-visited spring of next year during garden start up
- e. progress on erecting a sign saying “no outlet” for east side grassy strip – will be erected.

3. Discussions

- a. Theft of produce – draft sign (Lois reported a great, fun, non-threatening design – will work with Mary Ellen through the off season)
- b. Winterizing garden:
 - i). Water turn-off date (in newsletter and on facebook page) – October 20th
 - ii). Removal of Porta-potty – any day now
 - iii). “Fall clean-up” –
 - a. Date to have corn and sunflower stalks, hard structures removed (in newsletter and on facebook page);- designated areas -
 - b. permanent locking of gates (in newsletter and on facebook page); Oct 21st
 - c. Chipping day for Corn and sunflower stalks (in newsletter and on facebook page). Chipping on 24th/ rainday on 31st.
- c. Hoses –
 - i. Bracket prototypes with cost - \$10/stake. 10 ft 25 10 ft 2x4s pressure treated; 100 hooks. We will make 30 for this year.
 - ii. Our (hopefully last) water line break came as a result of a gardener yanking on their hose.
 - iii. progress on signage for gardener guidance on use of the hoses (Sheila and Lois)
- d. Proposal for a neighborhood gathering space at the garden. Seconded. Proposal failed.
- e. Greg Mankowski – compost- no show.

4. New Business

Martha offered her condo “club room” for November’s meeting.