

Grow Regina Fall Gardeners' Meeting
St. Mark's Church
October 18, 2011

The meeting was opened by Vice-chair John Fagan. In his remarks, he thanked Board members, volunteers and those who looked after the flower beds. He noted that this year there were over 200 gardeners. The Greening Projects need to be completed as does the gazebo project. Fundraising is needed for the gazebo. Cicansky miniature sculptures are still available for sale. The Food Bank has run into problems so they decided to cut back to their key programs. As a result, they wish to "cut loose" from Grow Regina. Grow Regina will need to incorporate under the Non-profit Act.

Garden Operations Committee Report:

Cameron Ulledal reported that the north end of the gardens would be surveyed next week. Gardeners were reminded that weeds in the pathways are still problematic and that removal of pathway weeds is gardeners' responsibility. It was also noted that dill is running wild. There was a good response to the Lauraas bins. Gardeners were also reminded to keep the gardens as natural as possible. This means no use of chemicals. In his closing remarks, Cameron thanked Yvette Crane and her crew of volunteers as well as the Board members and gardeners.

Finance Report for the Period January 1, 2011 to October 18, 2011:

Income = \$12,945

Expenses = \$5,550

Orchard Committee Report:

Robert Wuschenny reported on behalf of Bob Ivanochko. Voles did much damage to orchard trees and shrubs last winter. The committee held several work bees to clear weeds, water and prune. Additional trees and shrubs were planted to complete the orchard portion of the Walmart Greening Project. Robert (on behalf of Bob Ivanochko) thanked the committee members for their hard work and support.

Governance:

Yvette Crane introduced the draft bylaws which will be posted on the web-site. She invited anyone interested in working on the bylaws to sign up.

A question and answer period followed discussion on the topic of becoming a non-profit organization.

Question: What is the purpose of the gazebo?

Response: It's part of the park.

Comments: 1. Building the gazebo in the middle of the gardens will invite more people who may help themselves to garden produce.
2. Four years ago these gardens were intended for the gardeners. Now the objective seems to be to attract more people, not necessarily gardeners.

3. Reminder – it's a city park.

Nominations/Elections:

The following slate of nominees for the Grow Regina Board was presented: Yvette Crane, John Fagan, Don Fenwick, Duane Haave, Gene Lauman, Cameron Ulledal, Robert Wuschenny.

Louise Arndt was presented as the Lakeside Community Association representative.

There were no nominations from the floor. Karen Watkins self-nominated.

Board members acclaimed are: Yvette Crane, John Fagan, Don Fenwick, Duane Haave, Gene Lauman, Cameron Ulledal, Karen Watkins, Robert Wuschenny. Louise Arndt is the representative for the Lakeview Community Association.

A gardener asked, "What is the term for the Board?" Vice-chair, John Fagan replied, "Possibly six months or until incorporation."

Other Business:

Question: Who is the orchard fruit for?

Response: Rhubarb and raspberries are for everyone. All other fruit belongs to the individuals who own it.

Discussion was held on voles. Various remedies, including poisoned oats, were suggested. It was noted that voles are cyclic.

With respect to the porta-potty, a gardener expressed disappointment that it was removed. Vice-chair, John Fagan, explained that someone from City Hall reneged on allowing a porta-potty. He also stated it could be re-applied for next year.

Garden Tools:

It was reported that loss was minimal.

Vote of Thanks:

A vote of thanks was expressed to Yvette Crane for all the emails that kept everyone informed.

John Fagan adjourned the meeting.