

South Whidbey Tilth Business Meeting Minutes November 19, 2015

Prescott, Ed, J.C. May and Michael were present (no quorum, but day-to-day recommendations were made.) The meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m. in the nursery classroom of Trinity Lutheran Church's annex in Freeland.

Finances: As of today, we are spending down our checking account, down to around \$6500. There are still some costs to come, but we should also see some help from our winter fundraising letter.

Land Stewardship: First, there will be some winterizing this next Saturday. Second item was a search for a tractor. Presently there is some argument in favor of just renting a mower for the work in the field this coming year, but continue to hire Bob's nephew for the market mowing.

Education: There were classes nearly every month through October. We probably paid at least one land payment with the revenue. Ten to twenty people attended most classes. Michael will try and start the planning process for the coming year. Prescott would like to see Tilth work with other community groups to engage stores in selling safer garden products.

Membership, Development, Community Relations: Marc Wilson will continue to do electronic communication work for Tilth, but we will need a new council member responsible for membership. We reworked the second draft of the fundraising letter, initially composed by Michael. It is much improved. So Prescott will see to the final composition and printing of the letter. Then we will arrange a get together to do the mailing in late November or early December.

The holiday party is set for Anza and Marc's on December 19th. It starts at 4 pm, but anyone who comes at 3 pm to help set up can also take part in a Dulche de Leche making party.

Other business: Native plant stewards is moving and they are offering to sell infrastructure to interested parties. We will advertise the materials available to our membership.

Tilth Council has a number of possible returning members, at least four to six council members, but there is a need for at least three to four others. Prescott will be urging members in the newsletter, and by other methods of communication, to step forward to run for council membership at the annual meeting.

Funding events in the coming season will include seed packets for the Giving Tree at Bayview and a South Whidbey Garden Club grant proposal will be formulated by interested council members. (Due December 15). Pete and Prescott will discuss interns with Abigail at Whidbey Institute.

Prescott posted a vision statement in the agenda that came out of a Washington State Food System Roundtable. She suspects that we will be asked eventually to make a public statement of support for this sometime in the future.

Meeting adjourned at around 8:30 pm.

Notes by Michael Seraphinoff