Minutes of Tilth meeting on Jan. 21, 2016


Ed’s Finance report:
Records show a change in depreciation that is reflected in the balance sheet. We have lowered value of our assets.

Ed did the work to obtain a new business license, one that allows us to hire an intern. There are still a few bugs to be worked out.

Michael’s education report.
He reported that we have advertising out for Gary’s pruning class on February 28. We already have two sign ups. He will talk to Anza about a class in March, probably on plant starts, etc.

Land report:
Mark Gmerek reports that he has a lead on a small tiller. $125 or best offer. It was suggested that we ask Mark to follow up on it, and we might do a purchase. Prescott reports that we took in $614 for the community garden, but she would like to know what garden costs are in order to better understand

$300 has been donated by South Whidbey Garden Club to help in the purchase by South Whidbey Tilth of the native plant salvage project. That brings the total toward paying for our ownership of the project to over $1000. Real progress. Prescott reported on the details of the agreement with Native Plant Stewards. It appears to be an amicable transition to our ownership. It was agreed that this is close enough to the total of $1200, that it made sense for Ed to simply send NPS a check to complete the purchase. Well done, all who donated.

Membership report:
We raised $2,035 in response to the end of year annual letter. A very good response. We also have $985 received from 33 member renewals. Also a good showing. The giving tree provided an additional $105 in donations.

Annual meeting:
Set up is 3 pm. Meeting from 4-7 pm. Ed has volunteered to cashier at the meeting. Prescott will be setting up the projector and screen for Abigail and Cary’s slide presentation. They will be speaking on, what is community garden leadership training? And they will receive $25 each honorarium. Prescott will be chairing the meeting. Ed, Pete and Michael will give reports on finance, land and education respectively.

Intern development:
We have two applicants, but we have decided to extend the deadline for another two weeks. Interview process will involve meeting or skyping applicants. Pete, Anza, Prescott, and Ed have offered to interview applicants.

Meeting adjourned