

Tilth meeting Minutes February 18, 2016

Minutes from last month (1/21.2016) were approved.

Present at meeting: Ed, Pete, J.C., Prescott, Michael, Fred, Courtney and Angie.

Announcement: After running a notice in Drewslist, five people called to offer a stove. Prescott and Pete chose a Kenmore donated by Sue Taves and it is installed at Tilth. Unfortunately it has digital settings and may need electricity.

New council members were elected at the annual meeting, Judy Kaplan (chair of market committee) and Fred Rouge (Vice Pres.), and old council members Ed, Pete, Dorcas, Michael and Prescott (reelected as president). Courtney is considering joining the council and being secretary.

Prescott introduced Angie Hart, intern candidate. She was asked to leave the room and we had a discussion of the interview process in which she, the final intern candidate, was selected. By the committee, Michael, Anza and Pete. Pete and Michael discussed the reasons they selected her. Prescott and Pete told us about their conversations with her references. The council then discussed her candidacy and voted to approve her as our intern at South Whidbey Tilth in 2016.

Ed interpreted the finance sheets provided by our bookkeeper, Jeanne Celeste. There were a few confusing items, but the balance sheets mainly make sense. It was noted that donations dedicated to the native plant infrastructure purchase were \$1040, only slightly under the amount we are paying them, \$1200.

Prescott handed out an excellent overview of SW Tilth operations and procedures and ran through all of them.

Michael reported that the Pruning workshop will take place Feb. 28 at 1 pm on the Tilth land. He will be contacting other prospective teachers about classes and times during the up coming season. Anza will be teaching a seed starting class in March, time to be announced.

Prescott reported on the Earth Ocean Month planning, which Tilth helps to plan. Deadline to list activities during the month of April is February 26.

Land Stewardship:

Community garden contracts were discussed. Prescott asked for approval for she and Angie to work with Linda Good and Dorcas Young to make minor edits to the contract so it can be posted and distributed to the gardeners. All approved.

Pete recommended wiring the Laughing Cat and the classroom so that we don't continue running loose extension cords around. Pete will research the costs of this. He also recommends that we purchase some wood posts, some water hydrants

(about a \$200 cost), some rolled roofing (8 by 3 ft.). Council approved of these plans. He should be able to purchase most items, but the cost of electrical lines needs to be determined. He also recommended that we purchase computer equipment to get an office going in the classroom, but there was some resistance to purchasing a PC. Laptops may suffice. Pete is enthusiastic about all of the possibilities

Wood chips will continue to be delivered by Jim Fox. There is a small occasional cost for this.

Membership: Pete is also interested in talking about Goosefoot funding for Tilth projects. We had a good display at the Sound Waters educational day. Prescott will be working on a Viewpoint column for *The Record*, via Whidbey Island Eco-Net. Fred would like to help.

Market:

Doodle poll for market days beginning and end is sent out to vendors. We will see who responds.

Judy Kaplan has invited a group of interested vendor/council people to her house on February 23 at 6 pm for a potluck planning/orientation gathering. Prescott talked about market advertising. Plans are in the works.

Film night is February 28, film Just Eat It. 5:30 pm potluck, followed by film.

Adjournment

**After Notes:** Judy Kaplan missed the bus from work and missed the meeting. She was frustrated and disappointed.

Angie will officially start work Saturday, February 20 when she begin Master Gardener Training. She and Prescott filled out the Farm Internship Agreement and it was mailed to Labor and Industries February 19, 2016. The original copy goes to the Finance officer and copies will go to the Secretary, Angie, Pete and Prescott.