

Tilth business meeting December 15, 2016

Prescott called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. in the Annex of Trinity Lutheran Church.

1. Present: Pete Little, Ed Hueneke, Judy Kaplan, Michael Seraphinoff, Susan Prescott. Council members Dorcas Young and Fred Rouge did not attend. Member J.C. May arrived later.

2. Announcing General meeting is January 28, 4 pm. Program is Anza talking about African farming, committee reports, election of council and potluck. Edward will ask several people to solicit raffle items. Mary Donaty donated feed bag totes and aprons, which can be sold or raffled. She also donated four manure scoops that can be used with the compost project.

3. Review of the November 17 meeting minutes; minutes approved.

4. a. Ed provided a Treasurer's report. He pointed out changes that Jeanne made in the presentation of the information in the budget report. He reported that we have 9 years of land payments left to pay. 2017 Budget was approved.

4.b. Membership report suggests an eventual newsletter. At the January business meeting we will discuss having a raffle at the general meeting. Discussion of election included concerns that we only have Annapoorne on the nominating committee. We only have one interested person for the vacant council posts at present. Council completion of terms by Michael, Ed and Dorcas. Edward was invited to continue another two years. He will if no one else runs for position 3 and is willing to chair the finance committee. There are at least three open seats.

4.c. Land Stewardship. Aurora Morales Levins will arrive January 16th to Tilth with "The Little Vehicle for Change." She will stay 5 or 6 days. We intend to be available to help if she wants to promote her green projects. Pre-winter tasks, water pipes are drained, but refrigerator in Laughing Cat needs cleaning. Pete has Lance coming to do the electrical work to install hot water in the bathrooms. By spring we want to have a new fence around the former garden area fenced by Eric Conn.

4. d. Judy has a Farmers' Market committee meeting planned, January 7, Saturday. 1 pm. at Neil's Clover Patch [it was changed to January 14 at noon.]. Anza may go to the Washington State Farmers' Markets Association (WSFMA) convention. She has accommodations in Blaine. Another Tilth representative could go if we decide to renew our membership with the WSFMA. Prescott is in touch with Aaron Varedi of the Organic Farm School. They plan to meet to discuss their students vending at the Tilth Market.

4. e. Education report by Michael talked about showing the display created for the Tilth Conference in Wenatchee at the general meeting.

5. a. Raising money for a 2017 intern is a priority. We will see what the fundraising letter raises toward this project.

5. b. Planning the year and tracking events is a project Prescott is setting up to anticipate and plan regular work days around.

5. c. Pete showed us a mock up of a possible Caretaker's Cottage with some ideas about use. He will contact Steve Badanes about implementing it through his program at the University of Washington.

5. d. South Whidbey Garden Club grant application due January 6. A native plant project with solar power addition up the hill was proposed.

5. e. Almanac posting due January 6. Promotion was agreed to.

5. f. Sound Water display, \$25 to \$50 fee requested and agreed upon.

6. Call for adjournment at 8:20 p.m.

(next meeting 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 19, at Trinity Lutheran annex, no potluck.

Minutes by Michael Seraphinoff

An audio recording was also made.