

**TILTH BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 16, 2017**  
**at Trinity Lutheran Church community building in Freeland**

The meeting as called to order by President Prescott at about 6:35 p.m.

Present: Council members: Prescott, Judy Kaplan, Andréa Linton, Edward Hueneke, Angie Hart, FRed Rouge. General members: Ida Gianopulos, J.C. May and Michael Seraphinoff.

Michael agreed to take minutes

**1. Announcements**

- a. Zyeata is part of group that volunteers to support the deaf in the local community. They collaborate information and services for the deaf and are looking for information on events that could or have been interpreted for the deaf in the area. Email [zyeata3@hotmail.com](mailto:zyeata3@hotmail.com).
- b. Film Night is Sunday, March 19 at 6 p.m. potluck and 7 p.m. screening. Hopefully it will be *Seed: the Untold Story*. R.S.V.P. to Mark Dworkin or Melissa Young. *SEED, The untold story* will be showing at the Clyde March 21,22,23. Slow Food Whidbey Island is supporting the event. Andréa will explore ways we might also help sponsor the showings.

**2. Minutes** — Approval to January 17 minutes. Minutes were approved with corrections, Lesedi contract ends December 2017 and community garden fees will be \$55 for non-members and \$35 for members.

**3. Finance report** — profit and loss and budget/actual statements were distributed. It was noted that Dorcas paid \$338 in 2016, but her contract is that for 2017. It will be renegotiated for 2018.

**4. Market report** — Judy reported interest at Bayview Farmers' Market in vendors dropping off produce left over from Saturday sales for sale at a special booth at Tilth. They would receive 85% of sales money, Tilth 10% and the volunteer vendor at Tilth 5%. Judy agreed to be the volunteer vendor occasionally. (Leftover produce to food bank or worm bin?)

There are details still being worked out in the vendor policy. Details are distributed, Prescott checking out some, Judy and Ed other details. Prescott explained the SNAP (food stamp) procedure to the meeting. It will be explained in more detail at the vendor meeting on February 25. Ed moved that we accept the vendor agreements, policy and rules with corrections that have been agreed upon at the meeting. It was accepted/approved.

Prescott suggested that we join Washington Farmers Market Association at new reduced price of \$75. The meeting agreed to this.

February 25 vendor meeting at 3:30 pm in Grigware Hall Trinity. Prescott and Judy are doing promotion. That meeting will be followed by a March 18 market work party 10 am. This will include clean up and possibly some moving/changing of the market buildings and layout.

**5. Land Stewardship**

Linda Good is holding music camp last week of June and wants to offer up to five families an overnight camping experience on the upper campus on a Thursday. Due to liability concerns the proposal requires more fact-finding. Edward suggests that we need a review of the insurance policy. Andréa agreed, to explore the insurance situation if we want camping to determine what would we need to do.

Community Gardens: Prescott suggested that community garden contracts need more work,

specifically the use of the compost facility. Email communication will resolve this. Angie and Prescott will work out this.

David Prisbrey's land use agreement for the south east corner of about 100'x100' was looked at and Council would like to get to know him and his family more. Maybe he can make it to a vendor event, meeting/work party. Edward raised the concern of whether they have insurance.

Fencing plan needs so be worked out by early March and will be discussed by email as the hour is late. Gardeners and others will be asked to help fence the lower garden. It needs three gates and a plan to extend it out 15 feet. A donor sending \$400 by March 1, plus there is also money from last year's donor.

Prescott reported that Tom Vincent has cleaned the worm bin out so the Spratts can repair it. Please don't add any material until they do. Hereafter, don't let people take worms from the bin, refer them to BugaBay.

## 6. Education

Master Gardener Workshops on March 4: the Tilth display reservation has been arranged by Angie. Prescott volunteered to staff it. Angie, as a Master Gardener Intern is already on WSU Master Gardener committee to plan and implement this event at the Oak Harbor High School. Judy and J.C. reported the display went well at Sound Waters February 4, but all the handouts were taken.

March 11, Saturday, Gary Ingram will teach his pruning workshop at Tilth from noon to 2:30 p.m. Anza will teach her seed-starting class March 19, Sunday.

Vermaculture seminar and worm bin raffle: Angie is planning to ask Bugabay about doing the seminar Sunday May 21. The seminar will be promoted at the Master Gardener Workshop on March 4 and an attender may win the worm bin.

## 7. Other business

**Internship applicants:** there are, so far, two, possibly a third. The two are from out of state. Deadline tomorrow, February 17. The committee interview committee consists of J.C., Prescott, Angie and Dorcas. Discussed whether to extend the deadline. The final decision is to extend the deadline to the end of next week.

**Whidbey Island Garden Club** awarded us \$150, but someone needs to pick it up Friday, February 17 at 9:45 a.m. at St Peter's Lutheran Church in Clinton. They are looking for a 3 to 5 minute long presentation about our request to extend the power to the native plant facility. Angie agreed to make the presentation and pick up our check.

## 8. Call to adjourn at about 8:05 p.m.

March 16, next business meeting, 6:30 p.m. Trinity Nursery.

**Note:** Prescott is away for the April meeting, regularly scheduled for April 20. Would Council folks be willing to attend a meeting Tuesday, April 11 or Friday, April 14?