

South Whidbey Tilth Business Meeting April 11, 2017

Present: Andréa, Edward, Michael, Prescott, Angie, Jerry and Judy Kaplan, J.C. and Courtney Cooke.

Announcement: Calyx is at the Tilth land on Thursdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Minutes of the March 16 business meeting were approved.

Prescott announced that Emma Geiger has agreed to be our intern this year and she will arrive on Whidbey after she graduates from college in late May.

Finances: No finance report this month from Jeanne Celeste, but Edward offered to answer any questions that members might have about our finances.

Market:

Judy proposes to do some sign painting on April 15th. After 1 p.m.

There was final approval of the Community Produce Form after some editing.

Market promotion poster distribution, press release, Islander copy, Heart (publishes April 29), Drewslist.

Banner estimate of \$170 from Sound Publishing for two banners. Those present agreed that it is a reasonable price and a necessary purchase. Prescott is working on designs and will share them with the whole council in coming days.

Angie brought up the need to have volunteers manage the market for the first several markets until our intern manager arrives. The market committee will organize this by email.

Land stewardship:

Fencing area was determined by Ida and Prescott and the first poles were put in place today, April 11.

The incubator farm terms were agreed upon and signed between David Prisbrey and South Whidbey Tilth.

Ida sent around a query concerning interest in a bulk purchase of compost. There is interest in Tilth buying half the order for resale, and there is considerable interest among gardeners at Tilth, but a final list with contributions from individuals is still evolving.

Membership, Community Relations and Development:

August 8th Tuesday, is proposed for the Sustainability Potluck a day after the full moon, the Sturgeon moon. It will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Slow Food Whidbey Island would like to share their events and we would share our events in each others newsletters and email notices. There was general agreement that this would be a good thing. Prescott will probably format any items from them before they go out by email to our membership. Andréa will work out logistics between Slow Food and our electronic communication chair, Marc Wilson,

Next Tilth newsletter deadline is May 10.

Education:

Angie reported that she is working on a calendar of programs. Two fourth grade classes from Oak Harbor will visit Double Bluff and Tilth on June 9th.

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There are community events that we could participate in with educational displays, activities, etc.

Angie can participate for Tilth in an April 29, Saturday South Whidbey Garden Club event plant sale.

Prescott asked for volunteers for the Wednesday, April 19 Earth Day at South Whidbey High School (7:50 am to 11:10 am.). Prescott has everything ready except for a list of volunteer opportunities at Tilth, which she will prepare. Edward suggested that we have a handout on the ways that Tilth addresses needs in our community. Courtney offered to have her children develop a poster to use at our table., J.C. and Edward will plan on doing this.

Earth Guardian bake sale benefit:

April 23rd is their proposed day. They are mainly asking permission to do this on the Tilth land, advertise it and bring plants and baked goods, (following health department guidelines for handling baked goods). The group wants to plant at the Tilth land for the good of the planet and Tilth. The funds will go to Plant for the Planet. Council liked the proposal. They would like to be involved in the Native Plant facility development.

The Yoga Floor proposal needs to be further discussed through email discussion and will be presented at the May meeting.

Next meeting: Thursday, May 18, 6:30 pm at Trinity.

Adjournment called at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Michael Seraphinoff