

Summer Winter Community Garden  
January Executive Committee Meeting

Agenda

**Treasurer's report**

SWCG has \$5000 in the bank

It was agreed to contribute \$300 to Neighborhood Gardens Trust to support its mission.. The NGT has been very supportive of our garden.

One bale of Salt Hay will be made avail to all gardeners free of charge. Previously, Salt Hay cost \$10 a bale. A gardener wishing to purchase an additional bale may do so, pending availability. The garden will continue to purchase compost, chips and tools, as needed.

**Plot Dues and renewal process**

Plot fees will remain the same for 2016 season.

All existing members will be asked to renew as soon as possible. Gardeners who are not expecting to renew should let us know as soon as possible. Deadline for plot renewal will be February 29th.

Chris will explore possible use of Google Wallet to pay dues to cut down paperwork and ease dues paying process for gardeners.

**Available plots**

A small number of plots will be available to new gardeners. At present, there is no one on the waiting list.

Roughage (chips, compost) report

Ed is authorized to continuing to look for chips and compost, either free or for a fee. He is authorized to order what we need. We have enough to cover worst spots for winter. Executive committee supports spending a reasonable amount of money for chips and compost as these are important resources for the garden and it appreciates Ed's leadership in doing this.

**Hen houses and bee report**

New hen house is operating with small crew managing the birds. Birds are doing good job eating weeds. Hopefully will start laying eggs soon.

**Maintenance**

Work day schedule will be determined and publicized. Committee discussed ways to make sure everyone is more involved. Possible ideas, divide garden into smaller "zones" to manage local needs. Designate specific tasks and areas of garden for maintenance for people who cannot make garden workdays.

Departing gardener Don Nielson's tasks (mowing lawn and tending garden) will be absorbed by garden volunteers

Drexel volunteers continue to work on water line in West part of garden.

Faucet for East garden near gate will require fixing, it is broken due to rust, age

PHS

Current grants for gardens are not appropriate for our needs.