

Helena Community Gardens (HCG)

Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: March 2, 2023; 5:30, Intrepid Credit Union Meeting Room

Present: Chris Rudmann (Board Chair); Whitney Bausch (Board Vice Chair); Trish Ackart (Treasurer); Mandy Blohm (Executive Director); Jake Mohrmann; Amie Butler; Kelly Little; Les Clark; Cassie Wandersee

Next Meeting: April 20, 2023

- Minutes Approval:
 - ACTION: Motioned and seconded to approve minutes with a correction to the spelling of Chris' name.
- Treasurer's Report:
 - Trish presented recent budget updates:
 - January: Began with \$14,571.71 and ended with \$12,911.79
 - In: \$195 from Network for Good
 - Out: Payroll services
 - February: Began with \$12,917.52 and ended with \$11,726.35
 - Trish recommended moving \$800 from savings account to checking account
- Board Committee Sign Ups
 - Fundraising Committee (sponsorship brochure & outreach planning, appeal letter, fundraising plan, etc.)
 - Chris
 - Les
 - Events Committee (seed swap, rummage sale, L&C Bingo, etc.)
 - Cassie
 - Jake
 - Gardens Committee (Garden Manager orientation, training, plot sign-up assistance, maintenance & gardener management)
 - Amie
 - Les
 - Whitney
- ED Report
 - Seed swap on March 19th
 - Door prize of a seed organizing binder
 - L&C library planning to create a seed library
 - Library to advertise through Helena IR, radio, Helena Events
 - HCG in charge of advertising through social media
 - Mandy requested assistance with running the kids' activity
 - Cassie offered to reach out to contacts to see if we could have a reporter at the event
 - VA Plots
 - Discussion about potential future garden on VA property

- ACTION: Motioned and seconded to make up to 2 plots available for the VA
- Plot Sign Ups
 - Opening on March 18th
 - Eventbrite links up with MonkeyPods for easy transfer of data and accounting
 - A booth will be available at the Seed Swap to help people sign up in person
 - Anyone requesting a scholarship must contact HCG via email beforehand to get a code to enter into Eventbrite
 - Returning gardener sign ups: 3/18 through 3/31
 - New gardener sign ups: April 1 and beyond
- Bingo even to benefit HCG at Lewis and Clark Brewing on 4/7
- Chris and Whitney met with Bruce Day and Kim Dale of Helena Food Share (HFS) to discuss future coordination between HCG and HFS
- Kelly Little resigned from the HCG Board
- ACTION: Motioned and seconded to onboard Cassie Wandersee as a board member.
- March 15: Garden Manager training