

Helena Community Gardens (HCG)

Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2023, at 5:30pm, Intrepid Credit Union Meeting Room

Present: Chris Rudmann (Board Chair); Whitney Bausch (Board Vice Chair); Trish Ackart (Treasurer); Ruth Linfield (Secretary); Mandy Blohm (Executive Director); Amie Butler; Les Clark; Absent: Jake Mohrmann

Next Meeting October 19, 5:30 pm, location to be determined

1. Board Meeting Minutes from June 15, 2023, and August 24, 2023, approved and seconded.
2. Treasurer's Report for July 2023
  - a. Starting balance-\$19,983.69  
Ending Balance—\$17,959.47  
Total Debits—\$2997.35  
Total Credits—\$978.60
3. Executive Director's (ED) Report
  - a. Fall plot sign-ups for returning gardeners—all garden plot maps built
  - b. Cooney, Covenant and Selma need Garden Managers
  - c. Request Garden Manager Meeting to get input for changes to plots, budget items for gardens
    - i. Amie will reach out to Garden Managers to find date and place.
  - d. Executive Director Job listing
    - i. Listing posted on a variety of websites and locations
    - ii. No applicants received to date
  - e. Aero Grant due October 16, 2023, for \$600.00. Mandy seeking ideas. The grant must be put towards a specific project or item. Board Members will email Mandy if they can think of necessary items/projects.
4. Committee updates
  - a. Fundraising Committee
    - i. Bingo Night at Missouri River Brewing, East Helena on 10/10/2023 from 5pm-8pm.
    - ii. Soup Dinner at St. Paul's Cathedral on October 25, 2023
    - iii. Spring Soup Dinner date—Les will check for available dates.
  - b. Events Committee
    - i. Nothing to report
  - c. Gardens Committee
    - i. Amie proposed at the next Garden Managers meeting, the Board provide a dinner for Garden Managers, Assistant Garden Managers, Board Members and Executive Director. Ruth moved to give \$15.00 per person. This was approved and seconded by Les. Amie will email Garden Managers and find a date and meeting location.
    - ii. Waukesha Walkway Project

1. Materials will be available next week; Les reports groups are being organized to work on project
- d. Other Business & Events
  - i. Special Board meetings for budget and strategy for 2024
    1. Budget 2024 Meeting on November 4, 2023, 9a-12pm, location to be announced.
    2. Strategic Planning Meeting, December 2, 2023, 9am-12pm, Ruth Linfield's home, 1210 LeGrande Cannon Blvd, Helena.
  - ii. Bausch workday
    1. November 4 in the afternoon after Budget Meeting