

Helena Community Gardens (HCG)
Board Meeting Minutes (by AB & JM)
March 21, 2024, 5:30 pm Intrepid Credit Union

Present: Chris Rudmann (Board Chair); Trish Ackart (Treasurer); Amie Butler; Les Clark; Jake Mohrmann; (Prospective Broad Members) - Cara Orban, Amanda Coyle, Alice Hinshaw
Vacant Position: Secretary

1. Introductions
2. Background of HCG for prospective Board Members by Chris
 - a. Transitions in ED position over past 3 years
 - b. Board role vs volunteer role
 - c. Funding needs and opportunities
3. Approve February Minutes
 - a. MOTION PASSED: approved
4. Treasurer's Report
 - a. January, February, Y2D, and 'Years Past' summary
 - b. Current balance = \$5401.23
 - i. Soup dinner - \$875
 - ii. St. Paul's grant - \$2000
 - c. Anticipated income sources
 - i. Greater Helena Gives - ~\$5000
 - ii. Plot fees to be release in June - ~\$9000
 - iii. Bingo at L&C Brewery - ~\$800
 - iv. Rummage sale - \$200-300
 - v. Cookbook
5. Executive Director's (ED) Report by Chris in Sheri's absence
 - a. Helena Area Community Foundation (HACF) grant award of \$1675 (\$1000 from City and \$675 from HACF) to complete Waukesha pathways project
 - b. Plot Sign Up Status Update
 - i. 5 of 9 gardens full

6. Update upcoming 2024 Calendar of Events discussed in January
 - a. Rummage Sale: new date is April 21st, time & place (6th Ward Garden?)
 - b. HCG Bingo: Lewis & Clark Brewing (spring)
 - c. Greater Helena Gives: May 1st (?)
 - d. HCG Bingo: Missouri River Brewing (fall)
 - e. Soup Dinner (fall): TBD, will establish a date in late summer
 - f. Harvest Celebration: TBD
 - g. Helena Young Professionals (HYP) Non-Profit Fair: TBD (likely late summer/early fall)
7. Board Governance
 - a. Report from Chris on information re insurance
 - i. Executive Committee responded to 55 questions re HCG
 - ii. Quote received from company listed on MT Non-profit Assoc. website
 1. ~\$1800 general liability for Board members, personal injury, ED travel related to work, molestation, events.
 2. Questions related to coverage to volunteers or others on City, Church, or School property (East Helena)
 - b. Board applications
 - i. Applicants asked to let Chris know of intent
 - ii. Applicants will be voted on to the Board in April meeting
8. Next Mtg: April 18th, 5:30 PM at Intrepid Credit Union