

# 3/4/25 MEETING MINUTES

Location:	Gladstone Community Center
Date:	March 4, 2025
Time:	6:00 – 7:30pm

## CALL TO ORDER – THE PRESIDENT CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER

### BOARD MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

Manny Introduced all Board Members to attendees

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The secretary reviewed the minutes from March 2024 annual member meeting

Motion to approve and seconded

Unanimous vote to approve

### TREASURER REPORT

Gladys Ruiz, Interim Treasurer introduced herself; she replaces Ellen Hopper former Treasurer who resigned in December 2024.

Treasurer reviewed the annual report

See report last page

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Resume Potluck dinner – efforts to reinitiate the potluck dinner were unsuccessful; not enough interest
2. Do not feed wildlife signs were posted
3. Additional compost pile was added
4. Trained additional members to shut off water in case of emergency

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Grants for ADA accessible garden plots was submitted to Seventh Day Adventist Church; it was denied
2. ACTION: Put proposal on website
3. BOD asked Eagle Scouts for help but BOD didn't receive a reply to our requests
4. Member suggested contacting the Boy Scouts at West Linn HS
5. ACTION: Contact West Linn HS Boy Scouts
6. If there is a Lion's Club in town, we might ask them for support
7. ACTION: check on this
8. Ask for volunteers to help with grant finding; Miguel Moseler volunteered to help with this

9. Survey and mark all garden plots
  - a. Continue the work to measure the plots
  - b. Need to build retaining walls for pathways but will be later
  - c. We have one volunteer already and open to more
  - d. Gardens have crept wider and wider
  - e. Plots should be 20x30 and 15x20
  - f. Some lots are as large as 60'x40'

10. The President presided over nominations for BODs and Members at Large positions \*
  - Ewald Moseler was nominated as Vice President for a two
    - year term and motion was seconded
  - Ewald Moseler was elected by unanimous vote for a 2-
    - year term
  - Treasurer for 2-year term – Gladys Ruiz was nominated and seconded •  
Gladys Ruiz was elected by unanimous vote
  - The President appointed Jan Young as Asst. Secretary for a one-year term; Jan was elected by unanimous vote
  - Andrew Elstone was nominated as Member at Large for a one-year term; nomination was seconded
  - Andrew Elston was elected unanimously as Member at Large for a one-year term
  - Shannon Redburn was nominated as Member at Large for a one-year term; nomination was seconded
    - Shannon Redburn was elected unanimously as Member at Large for a one-year term
    - Abe Pacheco was nominated as Member at Large for a one-year term; nomination was seconded
    - Abe Pacheco was elected unanimously as Member at Large for a one-year term

\*Not part of this meeting was the appointment of Joan Matthews as Auditor for a 12-month period. The president appointed her and she accepted.

## MEMBER QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

If tools and lawn mowers are donated – we cannot give receipts for tax purposes because we are non-profit

Has the BOD placed deposits in a reserved fund? Yes, we have set aside all deposits into reserved fund for refunds

If members are having issues with Brown Squirrels or celandine – we are an organic garden and cannot use non-organic pesticides

A member saw a bunny. There isn't much to do about it. One suggestion is to place a 2 ft fence around your plot; they cannot get inside; hawks took care of the bunnies later in the season

Member suggested a Coyote door – to allow coyotes to kill bunnies; might consider it

Rototilling – members can pay for rototilling – Ewald Moseler, Sergio Hernandez and Robin Smith are available for hire. Members can make contact directly. We will put their contact info on the website

Get to know your neighbors. If you see strangers that appear to not be members of the garden, call or text the President or VP at numbers listed on the website.

The BODs are implementing a scholarship for members. The number of scholarships depends on available funds and lot availability; Members may donate funds to the scholarship; possibly people will donate their deposit to the garden for scholarship fund. One source could be deposits on abandoned plots

New members have 1-year probation – if they don't take care of their gardens, they will be asked to leave

If you go on vacation or are ill, please let the President know so he can arrange help while you're out

Specific timeline for planting/water/harvesting should be reasonable; the R&R document states members **need to cultivate by June**

Last Fall 2 members went through a difficult medical situation and couldn't tend their garden; The member thanked Manny, Jan and unknown others who tended their garden.

Is it possible to have a compost area on each side of the garden?

BODs will look into it.

Ground squirrels ate special fava beans from Kim Baller's garden. He researched it and found that the squirrels are CA ground squirrels and is NOT PROTECTED in OREGON; we do not have to allow this critter in our garden; Kim has been trapping them and turning them loose in a river area; some take sticks and put into a hole; if you have them you can get rid of them by trapping.

One member inquired about Group Watering for people who don't want to be in the garden alone – Manny suggested using the website Forum to discuss this

The BOD purchased a lower cost more useful phone plan; You can contact the General Number for routine non-urgent calls and the President and Vice President via direct text or call for emergencies; the phone numbers are on the website. Contact us if you need help

We purchased a woodchipper; only Manny and Ewald will be allowed to use the chipper during work parties only

Work parties – will have a map of areas that need mowing or weed eating so that members can have more flexibility to complete work hours if they cannot attend work parties

**Lock combinations will be changed effective March 17**

Big success last season was 'Take one Leave one' area; Take advantage of it again this year

Milwaukie Community Kitchen – any donations are welcome; contact Manny for more info

Gladstone Public Library Seed Library – Adopt a crop; free seeds; volunteer opportunities

**Motion to adjourn**

Motion was seconded

Unanimous vote to adjourn

Signed,

Christine Pacheco

Secretary

