

Eco Gardeners October 16, 2023 Minutes of Meeting

1. **Quorum**

17 members were in attendance, constituting a quorum (10 required).

2. **Minutes of May Meeting**

The minutes of the September 2023 meeting were read and approved.

3. **Treasurer's Report**

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| a. Opening Balance | \$1987.07 |
| b. Income | \$ 00.00 |
| c. Expenses | \$ 11.49 (mulch for flower garden) |
| d. Closing Balance | \$1975.58 |

4. **Old Business**

- a. Birdbath Status: The board reported that a concrete birdbath provided the best value for cost. A motion was made to approve the purchase of a concrete birdbath. The motion was approved.
- b. A motion was made to hold a club get together on November 13, from 4-7 pm. This event is to be "pot luck" only; i.e., the club will NOT be providing any food. The motion was approved.

New Business

5. Unused/Unmaintained plots: A discussion was held regarding plot owners that are either not using or not maintaining their plots. Since our waitlist is long (~15 applicants) the consensus of the membership was that the club should become more aggressive in reclaiming Unused/Unmaintained plots.
6. Replacement of garden plot wood: Members discussed whether the club or OTOW should replace rotting garden plot wood. The members preferred that the club approach OTOW to request that they replace the wood prior to the club spending its own money to do so. A letter to OTOW requesting replacement of the wood will be prepared and circulated to the membership for their signature. The board will review the letter and submit a final version to OTOW.
7. Webpage: The secretary identified webpage issues regarding the "Contact" and "Join" pages on the website. It seems we are only receiving "spam" responses but no legitimate "Join" or "Contact" requests. The conclusion of the discussion was that the "Join" sheet should be eliminated and the "Contact" sheet should be modified to indicate the club's email address for any interested parties to send their request. The secretary will make the modifications to the website.

Remarks for the Good of the Club

8. Members should sign the OTOW Wood Request letter when it is circulated to the membership.
9. Due to the holidays, the club should not expect a response regarding wood replacement from OTOW until the new year.