NHS GREENHOUSE STEWARDS MEETING JANUARY 3, 2017 3:00 pm - conference room

In attendance: Rich Boardman, Brenda Eaves, Brad Gregg, Tracy Griffenhagen, Bob Hamilton, Rachel Robie, Margaret Schoenberger

November and December meeting minutes need to be reviewed and accepted.

Greenhouse Manager:

Our greenhouse manager, Joel Hurvitz, has resigned his position at NHS to accept a full time position elsewhere. Brad Gregg has offered to take over the role of greenhouse manager for the remainder of this school year pending school board approval.

Greenhouse Maintenance & supplies:

The rain barrels need to be cleaned out more regularly. Brad recognized that one barrel is not draining outside of the greenhouse. He suggested that both barrels be taken off the ground and placed on a platform.

The shelving unit for the greenhouse has not yet been purchased. Brad and Bob will purchase that within the next week.

All materials for upcoming growing projects need to be ordered mid January.

Square Foot Garden:

Brenda would like to have all grade level materials organized and placed in bins in preparation for spring sfg projects. Additional bins may need to be ordered to accommodate all grade level supplies. First and eighth grade will need to have lights added to their bin of supplies. Rachel has offered to help Brenda with this.

Eighth Grade Tomato Planting:

Bob contacted Craig Lettoullier, the author of <u>Epic Tomatoes</u>, to discuss our tomato project. He will be in touch with Bob. We need to determine if buckets will be used again.

Little Boars Head Garden Club:

Margaret shared that the garden club picked up all of their Canna Lilies from the greenhouse. The garden club will have more than they can use so thought perhaps the lilies could be sold at this year's 6th grade flower sale.

Margaret will ask 4th grade if they'd like to plant with the garden club again this year.

Flower Sale:

Brad will work with 6th grade on this spring's flower project. He has estimated there will be 560 plants and there will be a STEAM focus. Watering is a concern. Brad would like to involve the kids and is working on creating a watering system. He may reach out to someone in the UNH greenhouses or at Griffin for advice.

Next meeting is planned for February 7, 2017 at 3:00 pm