

NHS GREENHOUSE STEWARDS MEETING

May 1, 2018

Conference room/ 3:00 pm

IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Anderson, Tim Choate, Lisa Cote, Brenda Eaves, Bob Hamilton, Joel Hurvitz, Carolyn Kelly, Rachel Robie.

There were no minutes to approve.

On July 10 at 1:30 Aaron Kinney will be visiting NHS to present the topic of hydroponics in conjunction with the Little Boars Head Garden Club. All who are interested are welcome to attend.

GREENHOUSE MANAGER REPORT:

Joel reported that John Gamache has fixed the greenhouse roof temporarily so it is functional and there is access to climate control.

Lisa has reached out to Hank Brandt to assist the stewards in contacting Adams Greenhouse for an estimate of the cost of repairs needed to the roof. Adams Greenhouse has been difficult to reach and several Stewards have attempted to contact him unsuccessfully.

Joel relayed to the stewards that John Gamache has stated that while it is not a difficult repair, it is important to use proper adhesives and there are liability issues with this sort of repair.

Bob and Joel have set up a watering system.

Joel has ordered soil mix and canvas bags to arrive next week.

The tomatoes will be transplanted next week for the eighth grade.

Lisa suggested purchasing germinating mix for soil next year.

What the students have planted:

8th grade- tomatoes.

6th grade- onions and potatoes.

5th grade- basil and peppers.

4th grade- Swiss chard, peas, spinach and beans.

Preschool- will plant radishes and gourds.

Joel has spoken with Wendy Crowley regarding the spring plant sale and they are in agreement that it cannot work this year due to time constraints. Their seedlings were unsuccessful this year.

However, they are hoping to have approximately 30 canvas bags filled with herbs available for sale.

The stewards agreed that next year preparations for the sale should be made earlier since it is an important source of revenue for the greenhouse.

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE:

Bob suggested the greenhouse host a Saturday morning event for all interested community members to come plant seeds in the greenhouse for their own gardens.

Dr. Anderson suggested organizing a community event at this fall's back to school picnic

Brenda suggested opening the greenhouse earlier in February for a community event so that it would not conflict with the spring planting.

It was agreed that the Stewards would continue to discuss ideas for a community event at the back to school picnic.

Bob suggested pulling potatoes and onions at the picnic.

Lisa had the idea of starting zinnias in the greenhouse to be planted around the perimeter of the garden and offering them as cut flower bouquets to all who attend the picnic.

OTHER:

Dr Anderson shared with the Stewards that he spoke to the 8th grade graduating class about the possibility of raised beds for the black top as a class gift.

Rachel will reach out to Margaret with regards to the Canna lily project.

Lisa is planning to speak with the new recreation director about the formation of a garden club.

The NHS Greenhouse Stewards will reconvene June 5 at 3:00 pm.