

## **NHS GREENHOUSE STEWARDS MEETING**

June 6, 2017

3:00 Conference room

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Brenda Eaves, Bob Hamilton, Carolyn Kelly and Margaret Schoenberger.

The May minutes were accepted and approved

Brad Gregg was unable to attend the meeting, however, he sent word to the group that the flower sale raised a net profit of \$3,336.45. He also said that he enjoyed his time as the greenhouse manager and has handed the reigns over to John Gamache.

The eighth grade tomatoes are planted in the 5 gallon bags and producing fruit. Originally, there were not enough bags - but more were ordered.

Brenda will inquire whether proceeds from the flower sale can be used for electricity and the additional hoses and clamps that Mark McFarlin has requested.

Kale, cabbage, onions and peppers are growing in the garden.

The sixth grade students planted potatoes- it is still questionable as to whether they will survive since there has been so much rainfall.

The Pre-school planted gourds, asters, and sunflowers along the back wall. Anna Spaulding's class planted pole beans for a "bean tepee."

Brenda would like the group to set a date for the last day to pick vegetables from the garden so nothing goes to waste.

John Gamache has reported that the lawn care crew has agreed to take care of mowing the garden.

Bob has two professional sprinkler setups that can be used. He suggested experimenting with this setup before we purchase a new one.

Brenda suggested earmarking funds from the flower sale for start up needed for next year's sale. The stewards are hoping to get a plan from Brad for growing and fertilizing that can be replicated for future flower sales.

Brenda has put all of the Square Foot Gardening on a spreadsheet.

The following needs to be done for fall planting:

- purchase seeds
- communicating with teachers about what they would like to plant for fall (before end of current school year).
- seedlings should be planted @ July 15- the Stewards agreed to plant seeds during the July 11 meeting. Bob has offered to bring trays and dirt to the meeting and Brenda will bring seeds.

Hydroponics will be revisited during the July meeting.

Margaret read a thank you note that the Little Boars Head Garden Club wrote to the school. She also presented pictures of the garden at Little Boars Head- featuring flowers from the plant sale and canna lilies.

It was discussed by the Stewards that the position of greenhouse manager be posted sooner than later. All were in agreement that it is important the candidate be from the school community for ease of communication/ background check.

Bob brought an article titled,  
"Sustaining school gardens-funding gardening coordinators" for the group to read.

The Stewards discussed the idea of SAU21 hiring one manager for all of the greenhouses within the SAU.

Saturday August 26th will be this year's 'Garden clean up day' from 9:00-10:00am

**The NHS Greenhouse Stewards will reconvene on July 11, 2017**