

NHS GREENHOUSE STEWARDS MEETING

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

3:00pm Office Conference Room

In attendance: Alison Boudreau, Brenda Eaves, Bob Hamilton, Carolyn Kelly, Mark McFarlin, Rachel Robie, Margaret Schoenberger

The December meeting minutes were read, amended, and approved.

Greenhouse Maintenance and Supplies

- Carolyn will be following up regarding gravel for 8th grade tomato buckets possibly with Second Nature Landscape Outlet on Route 1 in Rye
- Rachel connected with the manager at Lowe's regarding buckets for the 8th grade tomato plants; she shared that they could donate 50 buckets with the Lowe's logo on them but Rachel declined due to the school board policy about company advertising; the manager understood and offered instead to donate a \$50.00 gift card that could be put toward the purchase of plain white buckets; the \$50.00 will allow the purchase of about 10 buckets; Rachel will investigate if there are any local sheet rock businesses that could possibly donate buckets
- Rachel and Bob shared that on the playground side of the greenhouse to the right of the door at the bottom there is a section of the greenhouse that is pulled out a bit; Rachel will contact John Gamache to inquire about getting it repaired
- Brenda shared that she distributed the Johnny's catalogs to grade levels participating in the spring planting; orders will be in to her by January 20th so the seeds will arrive by the end of January; she shared we have all other necessary supplies except the paper portion cups suggested by Ron Christie (they degrade faster than other cups/pots); Brenda will follow-up with purchasing those
- Mark suggested a streamlined ordering process and it was agreed that teachers will submit their orders to Brenda who will coalesce all orders into one and give that to Maribeth

Little Boar's Head Garden Club Anniversary

- Margaret was in attendance representing the Little Boar's Head Garden Club
- She shared that the club originated in 1916 so this year is the club's 100th anniversary and that the club would like to celebrate that
- Garden Club is planning to work with 4th grade to help start seeds in greenhouse that can later be transplanted into the Little Boar's Head Garden between Mother's Day and the weekend before Memorial Day (weather cooperating)
- Margaret and Mark envision Garden Club members coming to NHS in March to plant seeds with students to foster a sense of community and then the fourth graders will tend to the seeds in the greenhouse (watering, etc.); Garden Club will supply the seeds and other items needed for planting
- Garden Club meets at the end of January and Margaret will share this idea with them
- Garden Club would like to put a sign in the Little Boar's Head Garden recognizing the fourth graders' help in their efforts with this year's garden

Square Foot Garden Update

- Shared as part of Greenhouse Maintenance and Supplies update

Other

- Mark shared that an employee from Star Island will be meeting with him on January 13th to discuss the possibility of fourth graders starting seedlings in the greenhouse that can then be transplanted to a Star Island garden; would be a way for NHS to thank the Island for all the efforts each year with the fourth grade field trip