

York Neighborhood Association General Meeting

May 9, 2018

Garden Street United Methodist Church

Meeting Minutes

I Call to Order, by Mark Sherman

The meeting began with general introductions from attendees. (Note: roster of attendees is incomplete since list was not well circulated.)

II Report from Treasurer

Jean Ryan reported that the bank balance is \$664.63, expenses year-to-date were \$850.37, and income was \$1,515.00. See attached YNA Treasurer's Report.

III York Yard Crawl

June Hathaway introduced herself and presented a brief description of her vision for the York Yard Crawl patterned after the Sunnyland Stomp. She mentioned some plans for publicizing the event and started a discussion about fun activities that could be part of the event. The event will take place on July 7th.

IV Dumpster Day

This year's Dumpster Day will be the 40th anniversary of Dumpster Day! Dumpster Day will be June 23rd, 8:30am.

V The Gardening Community

Beth Chisholm is the coordinator of the Whatcom County WSU community Horticulture program, including the Master Gardeners program and community horticulture. She described the history of the program (Washington State University was the first state land-grant school!) and the myriad resources the programs provide to Whatcom County residents.

Louise Bjornson described the history of gardening in Bellingham's Birchwood neighborhood, which originated as a development suitable for production food gardening after the food shortages experienced during the first World War. She described the city's experiences with community gardening, from the need to use urban land to produce food during both world wars, to today's school gardens feeding and educating children who would not otherwise have access to home-grown food.

Ed Wood is the manager of the gardens at Faith Lutheran Church, which provides food to Maple Alley Inn for three sit-down meals per week—the program typically feeds about 160 people from their 1600 ft² garden—approximately 4000 lbs of food per year. Volunteers are welcome, regardless of gardening experience.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Minutes by Leigh Mcdiarmid; minutes approved June 14, 2018.