

Harvest Farm at White Street Park

Minutes of the Managing Board Meeting
Monday, April 8, 2013 - 4:30 pm

Suwanee City Hall ~ 330 Town Center Avenue ~ Suwanee, GA 30024
Big Splash Room

1. Call to Order – Chairwoman Kim Thompson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. In attendance were Dan Foster, Steve Kenney, Jeanne Haynes and Jessica Roth. Sara Kleinfeld and Julie Chaboune were absent.
2. Approval of the February 11, 2013 Minutes – There was a motion made by Steve, seconded by Jessica, to adopt the minutes as presented. The motion passed 4 – 0.
3. Adoption of Agenda – There was a motion by Steve to accept the agenda. Jessica seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 – 0.
4. Committee Updates – Social: 7 people attended the meeting. Planting Day is April 20. Northside Fence and Garden will deliver pre-ordered supplies to the garden and donate 10% of the total sales back to the garden fund raising account. Peach State Orchids will be there to sell orchids. The board discussed a Scarecrow Contest and a Farm to Table event. Projects: there are about 30 people signed up for this committee. They discussed a future pumpkin patch. The committee will identify small projects for future workdays. It was discussed that the projects committee needs a planning sub-committee. Fund Raising: 3 people attended the first meeting. The committee discussed the possibility of selling memberships to a “culinary garden” planted with herbs and gourmet items and setting up a booth at a big event in Town Center Park to sell water and herbal iced teas. It was discussed that there is overlap between the Fund Raising Committee and the Social Committee’s fundraising efforts. This needs to be discussed further so there is no miscommunication.
5. 2013-14 Work Plan Update – The Board discussed the 2013-14 Workplan in detail. Jessica will present an updated plan at the next meeting. There are several proposed projects for the lower field. The Board agreed that it will develop a site plan for the field to better understand the best use of the land. Possibilities include a greenhouse, pumpkin patch, culinary garden, larger plots for large vegetables like corn or okra, an orchard, an irrigation system and a power source.
6. Budget – Steve presented the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2013. Some descriptions were revised. Under Supplies; “Entertainment” was changed to “Education”. “Volunteers” was changed to “Food Bank”. “Promotion” was changed to “Annual Give-away”. “Environment” was changed to “Social”. “Food” was changed to “Misc. Fund Raiser Expense”. Line items were discussed in detail. The budget will be substantially the same as the previous year. There was a motion by Steve, seconded by Dan to adopt the budget as presented. The motion passed 4 – 0.
7. Other – Dan reported on the many accomplishments of the workdays. The next meeting will be held at the garden to facilitate the discussion on future uses for the lower field.
8. Adjournment

