

St. Timothy Lutheran Community Garden

June 20, 2012.

Present: Matt Schulz, Sophia Schulz, Silas Schulz, Jody Emerson, Jim Helgason, Jim Chinn, and Lynn Wagner; Christine Vilim, on Zoom

We decided to meet at 10:00 a.m. from now on.

1. Expenses and Income

Expenses: Straw: \$11.00 plus Wood for hand holds: \$2.50

Hardware: \$6.00

No culled redwood available recently. Looking for redwood 2X4s to raise the level of Jody's and Susan's bed.

No income this month.

2. Garden and Landscaping Projects

Matt sent out an email on June 18 listing eleven garden and landscaping projects that are under consideration. We could use a fundraiser to raise some funds for these projects. A barbecue with or without a silent auction that draws in the whole community was suggested by Lynn. Normally, St. Timothy Lutheran Church has a parking lot sale in October as a fundraiser for the church; we talked about September for something for the garden/property. Also, the St. Timothy Foundation is meeting in July. Jim H. said. They will talk about giving some money to the Community Garden.

3. Garden Wall behind Cedar Fence

Matt determined that 108 blocks are needed for this project. Matt will order the stones in the next couple of weeks. Filling the wall with soil as you go is necessary. The dirt is available on Charlie's property. The top of the wall will be up to the bottom of the cedar fence. Matt is hoping to get the blocks on sale.

4. Use of garden for social events

Is it okay to use the garden for our own social events? Beer and wine okay? Yes, but please clean up after yourselves.

Christine asks why expose the garden to the public? Matt says: to raise funds, possibly, and for the enjoyment of the members. It is an asset of the church. To allow the church and the community garden members a nice place to be. This is not to get more members, but to provide the benefit of the garden. The garden is a *ministry* by encouraging people to garden and by making connections with the community.

Please be sure to clean up after your pet.

Be considerate of the neighbors, also. No loud music, please. No barking dogs. Send an email to the neighbors to let them know if there will be a party. Length of time for social event: 2-3 hours? Limit number of participants?

The amphitheater: built long ago for the day care? It would be nice to redesign and rebuild it for use by the congregation. Add to the list!

The St. Timothy Foundation wants to improve the value of the property overall.

The Property Committee is talking about taking out the dead Pine Tree. They are getting estimates.

Matt says we could use a pile of fresh wood chips for the garden.

5. Charlie's Pick-Up Truck—Charlie is moving and wants to give us his 1998 Mazda Pick Up. The Foundation (?) agreed to pay the insurance and registration and see, on a trial basis, if the truck is useful for the church, overall. There will be just a few drivers allowed for insurance purposes. It should be a boon to the garden. It can be used for hauling manure, wood chips, and dirt, etc.

6. Produce Sharing: The fruit trees, the asparagus, the berries, the blueberries and the grapes, strawberries, are fine to pick if you see something ripe (but don't take too much.) Sometimes they will ripen all at once then we need to decide how to share them.

7. Pest and insect control—the ollalieberries need some pest control. Jody will look into this. BT and Neem Oil are both good natural pesticides. say Matt and Jim C.

The Ailing House Pest Control is pleased with what we are doing to discourage rats. Jim H. saw some rat droppings in the storage room in the back, however.

Next Meeting: July 4 at 10:00 a.m.?