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WALL STREET COMMUNITY GARDEN Annual General Meeting, March 15 2025

Members present: Jan, Damian, Randy, Eliana, Jim, Elspeth, Kathryn, Shannon, Sarah, Darlene, Mary, April, Marguerite, Dan, Moe

1. Financial report Damian

- --In 2024, we collected \$1370 in fees and spent \$1299.88. Our biggest expenditures were for irrigation repairs and free soil for members.
- --Our current bank balance is \$730.86.
- --For more details, please see the Excel attachment below entitled *Financials 2024-2025*.

2. Membership report Eliana

--There are 23 names on the wait list.

3. Plot vacancies Eliana

- --There are currently four plot vacancies.
- --Plots will begin to be re-assigned after the AGM. Members who wish to change plots have priority for vacancies over wait list candidates. Please contact wallstreetgarden@gmail.com for more information.

4. Reminder of guideline changes in 2025 Jim

- --During the growing season, members who have not advised the Membership Coordinator of extenuating circumstances and appear to have neglected or abandoned their plots will be contacted by the board. If deficiencies are not addressed within two weeks of board contact, the plots will be reallocated.
- --Members who have not advised the Membership Coordinator of extenuating circumstances and have not contributed three hours labour this season will be charged \$100 membership fees next year. All others will pay a reduced fee of \$35 next year.
- --The board will ensure that work parties are better organized this year, with an improved sign-in sheet and clear job assignments. Each work party will have an organizer in charge. Members are responsible for ensuring that their hours are recorded correctly.
- --By early April, the website will include a link to the spreadsheet that documents contributory hours.

5. Soil and repairs: Randy

- --Quotes are now being collected for gate repair. A member has offered to apply for community grants to finance this work.
- --Soil/manure will be provided free at the second work party, April 29. Members who wish to purchase extra amounts of material should contact Randy at 604-812-8102 as soon as possible.

- --Garbage will be removed by a volunteer, with the help of members, at the first work party, April 26. The removal will be done free of charge and the garden will pay only the yard disposal fee.
- --New compost bins will also be constructed this year.

 Community grants will hopefully finance this construction.

6. Garden goals Jan

- Gate, walkway and compost area repairs
- Weatherproofing indigenous mural

7. 2025 work party schedule Randy

- --Once again, work parties are scheduled twice a month on a Saturday and the following Tuesday.
- --The work party schedule will be posted in early April on the website and email reminders will be sent to members before work parties.
- --The work party schedule is as follows:
- --April: Saturday, April 26 from 10 a.m. to 1p.m. and Tuesday, April 29 from 4:30 to 7 p.m.
- --May: Saturday, May 10 from 10 a.m. to 1p.m. and Tuesday, May 13 from 4:30 to 7 p.m.
- --June: Saturday, June 7 from 10 a.m. to 1p.m. and Tuesday, June 10 from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

--July: Saturday, July 5 from 10 a.m. to 1p.m. and Tuesday, July 8 4:30 to 7 p.m.

--August: Saturday, August 9 from 10 a.m. to 1p.m. and Tuesday, August 12 from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

--September: Saturday, Sept. 6 from 10 a.m. to 1p.m. and Tuesday, Sept. 9 from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

8. 2025 Board elections Jan

• Chair: Jan

• Membership Coordinator: Eliana

• Treasurer: Damian

• Secretary: Jim

• Member-at-Large (in charge of maintenance): Randy

• Member-at-Large: Mary

9. Garden social Randy

--A potluck will be organized in May or June similar to the event held last year.