

SEPTEMBER 2017 BSMGA PROJECT REPORTS

B/G CLUB

9/4 no meeting

9/11 ages 5, 6, 7 There was a little rain so we picked beans, carrots, tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, and squash and put them on the tables in the kitchen so the kids could "shop". We then did some comparison of 3 varieties of apples (red, golden delicious, granny smith) for looks, taste, smell and texture. Snack was galas with caramel sauce for dipping.

9/18 ages 8 & 9 We did some weeding, filled the water barrels, picked tomatoes, cucumbers, beans, peppers, carrots, and "shopped" for kids to take home. We repeated the comparison tests with apples and then had apple slices with caramel sauce for snack.

9/25 Joe tilled the beds that are cleared of summer crops. The kids picked tomatoes, peppers, carrots, some basil, a few beans, cucumbers, and squash and shopped for produce to take home. Snack: apple slices and caramel sauce.

Participants: Joe Brown, Beth Hembree, Virginia Williams

Expenses No money spent

CHRISTMAS PARADE

The theme for 2017 has been announced, and is "Rock Around the Christmas Tree" and we can register now. Need someone to lead this project. I have some interesting thoughts about this theme. No money spent, and budget of \$200 should be ample for the next year.

DEPOT STREET MARKET

Do not see report, if submitted

FAIRGROUNDS

Spent nothing. Only weeded a little. Plan to clean up after it gets colder.

FARM TO FORK

No report received

KIDS DAY ON THE FARM

No Report received

LAB

Lab regular schedule ended Oct 1-March 1. We serviced lots of customers this year and it is very interesting finding answers and information about their questions. Library is there, and would suggest that each of us read at least one book, maybe one a month over these winter months, to broaden our knowledge in areas of gardening. Would you check out one book over the next month to read or review, and then return it by the next meeting? Have added a Dirr reference book on identifying trees and woody plants. It is a fabulous book. This book was about \$45 as it was on a special sale from Amazon, in case you want one yourselves.

NEW HOPE CEMETERY

There is about \$133 left in our budget for this year. I thought mulch, pansies, and grass needs for Pat would be a good way to end this year. If you don't agree, or have some other needs, please let me know. Also, we have to come up with the 2018 budget for Glenn by the meeting in October. I think the basics will be mulch, compost, money for Pat and Bob's expenses on the grass, zinnias for summer (I am saving seed, but not much so far) and pansies for fall. Please let me know of anything else we need to include.

Thank you for all the work you do for our project!

PLANT FROLIC AND SALE 2018

Asking for approval of this project for 2018 with modification that it have an enlarged focus on education regarding gardening topics. Must have a team to plan and develop this process to benefit all of BSMGA and our clients. If you are interested in contributing your energies, we will have signup sheets for teams to move it along. We will appreciate participation from everyone in some way or another for this. It is about time to place our orders for seeds for spring planting now. Would like to have budget same as last year. We need to have a work group to spiff up the greenhouse so we do not have unplanned things growing in there between now and spring.

SEPTEMBER 2017 SOUP KITCHEN GARDEN REPORT

The garden looks absolutely great. Our fall crops are coming in and this week we will start harvesting the greens for salads to be used for the Wednesday lunches. The zineas and sunflowers are on the decline. The goldfinches and butterflies are enjoy their bounty. This garden not only feeds the folks in the neighborhood, but the birds and pollinators who also live there. It is the embodiment of sustainability.

Aliceson, Beverly and Mary Anna faithfully come every week to water, weed, and harvest. This week we will be hanging the sunflowers from the fence and will plant some ground cover.