



NLR Community Garden Committee Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2016, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

- Email or call Liz to set up a time for her to come see your garden. lkasper@nlr.ar.gov (636)577-9085

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- **Open call for proposals: submit a short description of project and a budget to Fit 2 Live by Monday Oct. 17th, 2016. Detailed email to follow.**
- Next meeting, October 26th, 3:30-4:30. This one will be important to attend, as we will be voting on funding for the special call proposals.

Committee members present:

First Presbyterian Church/Argenta Community Garden (Robert Fisher)

Iris Park Community Garden (Judy Cromwell, Fred Cromwell)

NLR City Council (Beth White)

NLR Fit 2 Live (Beau Cooper, Liz Kasper, Claire Vogelgesang)

St. Joseph Center of Arkansas Hunger Relief Garden (Sandy DeCoursey)

St. Joseph Universal Institute of Theology Community Garden (Michael Merritt)

3:30-3:45 Welcome & Introductions

3:45-4:00 Fit 2 Live Updates

New Arkansas GardenCorps members

- Welcome to Liz Kasper and Claire Vogelgesang, Fit 2 Live's new AR Gardencorps members! Liz will be serving full time and Claire will be part time. **Please reach out to these two for your garden needs. Claire is especially looking for work on the weekends, because she goes to school during the week.** Liz: LKasper@nlr.ar.gov (636)577-9085; Claire: CVogelgesang@nlr.ar.gov (501)351-3554
- Beau is working part time during the week to help Liz and Claire get oriented and to keep supporting the garden program while Bernadette is on maternity leave. New number, that some of you may not have: (501)563-7775
- Open call for proposals. One project proposal per garden site. If interested, please submit a short project description and a budget to Fit 2 Live by Monday Oct. 17th, 2016. Proposals will be voted on at next meeting. Detailed email to follow.
- Working on removing signs, etc., from garden sites no longer in use.
- Bernadette and baby Sebastian are doing well and enjoying their time at home together.

4:00-4:25 Garden Updates

St. Joseph Center of Arkansas Hunger Relief Garden

- Pollinator garden has come along very nicely. Eagle Scout group worked on it recently.
- Considering extending Farm Stand hours. To gauge interest, the farm stand will be open out of season for the following three dates:

- Nov. 6th – Dedication of pollinator garden. 3:00pm-6:00pm
- December 7th – 75th Anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. 5:30pm-8:00pm
- March 18th – Feast of St. Joseph. Time tbd.
- Email stjosephcenter@gmail.com to receive updates.

Iris Park Community Garden

- Having trouble with beds drying out too quickly. Soil is not retaining water—possibly too sandy. Suggested adding organic matter (compost, etc.) and mulching. Gave straw to mulch with to help retain moisture.

First Presbyterian Church Community Garden

- Garden doing well. Robert and Liz were able to plant some fall crops recently. Some need to be thinned.

St. Joseph Universal Institute of Theology

Garden doing well. Have some new volunteers join recently.

4:25-4:30 Public Comment

None.

4:30 Meeting Adjourned