

## FOG Meeting Minutes - 11-4-08

1. Class Plantings: discussed the need to know what beds still have space or need to be planted. Also, discussed some way for classes to identify what beds have been planted with what vegetables. There are various signs being used but not all are surviving the weather. Will follow up with garden parents and teachers to see what beds still need planting. Seedlings from the greenhouse should be used, when possible, for any future planting.
2. Farmer's Market: will be on somewhat spontaneous schedule for the winter. If weather permits and we have produce and volunteers, we will have the market tables out. Persimmons are ripening and are available for baking; there are some salad greens and winter greens that are mature and ready for harvest; there are rose sachets and garden bags that are always available for sale.
3. Fall Harvest Festival: the garden made \$855 (class wreaths, bake sale and beverages, pumpkin sale and weight contest) + \$122 from farmer's market and additional funds from remaining 12 wreaths (\$600?); fairly low turnout despite good weather; need more marketing; possibly move to a Friday afternoon at pick up; need more volunteers and more activities; need event coordinator.
4. Spring Fest: discussed the need for volunteer coordinators now to start planning Spring Fest (Sunday, May 31, 2009); need ideas for crafts and activities
5. Garden Bags: discussed ongoing sale of garden bags. Organic cotton tote bags with MV Children's Garden logo. One for \$10; two for \$15.
6. Garden work day tasks: plant flower bulbs (donated daffodils); plant cover crops in pumpkin patch, plant any remaining beds, plant reading circle with perennials, mulch beds with straw, spread wood chips on pathways. Materials needed: plywood, fiberglass roofing, concrete
7. Other ideas for the garden's future:  
Discussed Garden Club and ways to increase exposure to school, assemblies, awards. They are adopting areas of the garden to plant as demonstration areas.  
Cooking demonstrations in the MPR  
Propagating lessons: berries, fruit tree branches at pruning time  
Pruning fruit trees  
Install Garden Compass Rose  
Install Lee's Kiwi Teepee  
Plant Bare root fruit trees and berries  
Owl box  
Irrigate orchard