SSN General Meeting Minutes  
THURS, October 20, 2016 | 12-12:50PM  
Bear Room  
Attendance: 14  
Submitted by: Jill Dumbauld

AGENDA

- **SSN updates (5 mins)**
  - The 6th Annual UC San Diego Sustainable Food Expo will be Monday, October 24, 11:00am, in the Price Center East Ballroom
    - The theme for this year’s expo is “Food Security”
      - SSN will have a table; please let Desiree know if you would like to help
      - Table theme: Grow your own food
      - Chris will be at the table, with food items to plant
  - Communications Officer:
    - Ariel, our current Communications Officer, had to resign due to work responsibilities. We are opening an election.
      - If you are interested in the position, or would like to nominate someone, please email Jill and Laura by next Wednesday, October 27

- **Giveaways**
  - Members who attend meetings can enter to win free giveaways at each meeting.
    - Today’s giveaways are an edible plant (prickly pear/nopal/tuna) (won by Desiree), an ornamental houseplant (won by Michelle), and Square Foot Gardening book (won by Jill).
• Maria “Rainey” Adams: Square Foot Gardening
  o Maria presented on her experience with Square Foot Gardening. She has been using this method since the 1980’s.
  o Maria presented on the history of the method and its importance as a counterbalance to large-scale monocrop farming.
    ▪ Square Foot Gardening can be an effective way to grow food for your household with less work, less water consumption, more efficiency, and fewer pests
  o The methodology involves creating a square-foot grid on which to plant different crops
    ▪ The basic unit would be to have 1 4’x4’ patch for adult, and 1 3’x3’ patch per child, which can provide food for a season.
  o Maria has a lot of information and is happy to share her experiences with anybody who is interested. Please reach out to Maria, or Google Square Foot Gardening, for information
  o Reference: http://www.melbartholomew.com/

• Upcoming Meetings
  o November 10, 12-12:50pm: This won’t be a regular SSN meeting, but Dave Weil with the Carbon Neutrality UCSD initiative will host a “lunch and learn”. Bring your lunch and be prepared to chat with Dave about what we can do to promote Carbon Neutrality at UCSD.