

GENEVA BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
GENEVA PUBLIC WORKS
October 17, 2006

In Attendance: Dorothy Flanagan, Chris Goulet, Sherri Weitzl, Paul DesCoteaux, Jim Gehring, Esther Barclay, Elfi Balek, Jay Moffat, Lori Koontz, Jim Corfield and Roberta Edwards.

Jay drafted a letter for tax deductible donations to GBC. Dorothy suggested that a shorter version might get a better response. Also change the order of the letter; plea for money first then the history of GBC.

Elfi will e-mail Jay a template of a Word document for GBC.

Also Jay suggested we build a plywood literature (waterproof) box for city hall and also a firewood stand display sign for donations with instructions on how to pay for wood.

Jim G. has already sold \$130 worth of face cords. The prices are the same as last year.

Fundraising Suggestions

-Centerpiece for Chamber of Commerce dinner – a bundle of wood with sprig of evergreen and card with “wood for beautification” printed on it.

-Firewood donation for silent auction in February.

-Asking American Legion to display small stand for firewood (Friday night dinners).

Sally Upham made a sign for Dorothy; a little beaver with “need wood” sign. Dorothy will get it to Jay.

-Dorothy will contact Barnes and Noble to see if they will have their gift wrapping program this year. This doesn't produce much money but it gives us an opportunity to make people aware of our group.

-Spaghetti dinner at Riverview Banquet Hall (Knights of Columbus) on Rt. 25 in Batavia on February 7 or 21 from 5 – 8:30 p.m. Our volunteers will need to sell 10 tickets each and tickets will also be sold at the door. Captains are to contact our volunteers to see if they're willing to sell tickets. Dorothy suggested that we contact Mary Stavenhagen to give a demonstration / Q&A on gardening in the bar area. Dorothy has \$100 worth of Geneva Dollars that could be raffled off. Also suggested was a prize for “best knuckle” or “most improved knuckle”.

Spring Flower Bulb Donation

Great News! GBC was given a donation of 1,800 flower bulbs (tulip and narcissus). Shirlie Remes, who writes for local newspapers, and Brent and Becky.com, donated the bulbs which were left over from the Botanical Garden sale. They want to take photos of our volunteers planting the bulbs. Dorothy gave a donation to the woman in Naperville.

The bulbs will be planted November 4th when we clean up our planting areas for winter. Area captains need to contact their volunteers and make sure that they will be there as we don't want to leave the bulbs unattended. If the volunteers cannot be there on the 4th they will be responsible for disposing of the garden waste by either taking it home or taking it to Public Works. Paul will divide the bulbs for each area. We'll plant the bulbs in clusters of 5 bulbs. The bulbs will only be planted on State Street, the Post Office, James Street and the two large areas at Third and Rt. 31. More areas will be added in the future as we hope to get bulbs donated on a regular basis. City trucks won't be needed; captains will pick up bulbs, waste bags, etc. at the Post Office at 7 a.m.

Also

Stan from Public Works asked anyone from our committee to sign in at the Public Works office if we are there during the week to pick up or remove something from the garage area.

GENEVA BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
DOROTHY FLANAGAN'S HOME
November 28, 2006

In Attendance: Dorothy Flanagan, Sherri Weitz, Mary Gehring, Jim Gehring, Esther Barclay, Elfi Balek, Mary Kay Brown, Lori Koontz, and Roberta Edwards.

Fall Planting

Dorothy will get the final totals for the planting areas from Chris who couldn't make tonight's meeting. No one had any suggestions for improvements. A couple of committee members began picking up full waste bags before everyone was finished which everyone thought was a good idea. Accurate Edging has adopted the two planting areas at Third Street and Rt. 31.

Fundraising

\$1000 has been deposited from the sale of firewood. Jim G. said they have a lot of new customers and are almost out of the aged wood.

The wrapping at Barnes and Noble has netted \$22 so far. One more wrapping date is planned.

Jay has taken over our fundraising committee with Mary Kay as his back up.

Spaghetti Dinner

The date for our First Annual Pasta for Posies Spaghetti Dinner has been set for Wednesday, February 28th, 5 to 8 p.m. at Riverview Banquets in Batavia on Rt. 25. The Knights of Columbus will take care of all of the preparation. Take out will be available by calling ahead. Mary Stavenhagen has agreed to present a seminar/answer presentation in the bar area with possibly three topics.

-Tickets – after discussion it was agreed that we will have a 2 part ticket with numbers. The cost for adults is \$10 and kids 10 and under \$5. It was decided to have tickets available for purchase at a few businesses in town. Mary Kay volunteered to ask some of them possibly Erdays, Ace Hardware, Viking Office Supply, Geneva Cleaners, etc. Joe Stanton might be able to print the tickets cheaply.

- Promotion – Dorothy will try to get the dinner advertised on the city electric bill and/or newsletter and also on the marquee on west State Street.

- Raffle/Prizes – It was decided not to have door prizes. Tickets will be sold that night for drawings, 6 tickets for \$5. Prizes will be on a table, a ticket jar for each prize. Dorothy has \$100 worth of Geneva Dollars.

- Decorations – There will be flowers on each table to be used as prizes. Some one should find out how long it takes to force daffodils (to be used as centerpieces on tables).

-Work that evening – Mary Kay, Mary and Roberta volunteered to help out that evening. We should encourage our volunteers to come and sell tickets.

Spring Planting

Saturday, April 14 will be our spring planting day. Two suggestions for fundraising slogans were Funds For Flowers and Moolah For Mums.