

**Geneva Beautification Committee**  
**Wednesday, August 20, 2008**

Attendees: Dorothy Flanagan, Sherri Weitzl, Lori Koontz, Mitzi Strike, Mary Kay Brown, Paul DesCoteaux, Rick Sturm, Mary Sturm, Linda Haseman, Marvin Haseman, Jim Corfield, Elfi Gabriel

Meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm by Dorothy Flanagan.

**Suggestions for GHS involvement:** Marv H. will contact Tom Anderson from the high school to discuss how the students can participate in the mission of the group.

**Fall planting:** Jim C. has arranged to have the plants (104 mums, 102 kale, and 300 pansies – all yellow and blue – total cost \$2351.40) delivered to PW between noon and 3:00 pm Friday, September 5. Jim C., Rick S., Paul D., Dorothy F., and John Rogers will help unload the flowers and then reload onto 4 City trucks. Paul will use his own truck for his area. Area Captains are asked to distribute plants to their gardens by 7:30 am on Saturday, September 6. The approximate total amount for 2008 plant purchase is \$8051.00.

**Bridge Boxes and Railing Boxes:** Baskets were mistakenly thrown out at the end of the 2007 season so new baskets were purchased for 2008. Dorothy F. suggested to not have anyone adopt the bridge boxes and baskets in 2009. It was suggested that the bridge, being such a focal point in town, needs to have more impact. Jim C., Marv H., and Rick S. will organize the removal of the bridge boxes by PW workers when needed (possibly Columbus Day weekend).

**Compost:** Compost and peat moss will be delivered to gardens by committee members for incorporation into beds at the November 1 clean up. Paul D. asked Jim C. to suggest how/what fertilizer to use to make plants look better throughout the year, keeping in mind that some gardens/pots are only irrigated by the watering truck. Further discussion on fertilizing will occur at the November meeting.

**Large Planters from Concours Update:** PW will pick up Concours planters for distribution around town. A member of the Concours committee will pick up and store the planters that will be used for the Festival of the Vine and then emptied afterward.

**Firewood Fundraiser:** Jim and Lance were not in attendance to give an update.

**Spaghetti Supper:** Lori K. will check into the availability of the banquet hall for the fundraiser on February 18, 2009. Jim C. will check into the possibility of giving away seed packets to attendees. The same format will be used for the supper. Further discussion will occur at the November meeting.

**Donations:** City of Geneva utility billings cannot be used to request donations per Mary McKittrick. The subject of memorial gifts was brought up. Committee members are

requested to send donation/fundraiser ideas to Lori K. at [lkoontz@earthlink.net](mailto:lkoontz@earthlink.net). Ron Singer made a \$100 donation to the Beautification Committee.

**Public Relations – Newspapers:** Sherri W. has submitted many press releases to multiple area newspapers and will continue the process.

**Website:** Elfi G. and Lori K. will coordinate additions/deletions to the website – [www.PlantGeneva.org](http://www.PlantGeneva.org). Committee members are asked to review the site and submit changes to Elfi G. at [elfig@mac.com](mailto:elfig@mac.com)

**Marquee:** Dorothy F. will submit our fundraising and planting dates to Joe Stanton for display on the Geneva marquee.

**Thank You Letters:** Appreciation was expressed to Jim C. for a superb job writing thank you letters to 2008 donors.

**New Business – Individual Gardens:** Discussion concerning individual gardens complying with Committee guidelines resulted in Lori K. offering to contact the garden captains. Garden activities outside the boundaries of Geneva Beautification Committee activities will be handled through SPAC.

**Spring Planting:** The 2009 Spring Planting will be Saturday, April 4. There was discussion on additional events for the planting season.

Adjourn: 8:34 pm.

**Next meeting:** To be determined

**Dates to note --**

Fall planting: Saturday, September 6; 8:00 am

Fall planting rain date: Sunday, September 7; 12:30 pm

Winter clean out: Saturday, November 1

Spring planting: Saturday, April 4, 2009; 8:00 am

Spring planting rain date: Sunday, April 5, 2009; 12:30 pm