

GENEVA BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

October 21, 2009

In Attendance: Dorothy Flanagan, Sherri Weitzl, Paul DesCoteaux, Jim Corfield, Mary Gehring, Cookie Olson, Chris Goulet, Jeni Russo, Jim Weitzl, and Elfi Gabriel

The meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. at the Weitzl's residence.

FALL PLANTING/CLEAN-UP

Fall Planting went well. There were no suggestions for improvement.

Jeni will take potato fork from Jim and use it to dig up and store cannas tubers (bulbs).

QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS

\$850 was raised in ticket sales so far. Drawing will be held at 9:30 a.m. in front of the post office. Ticket stubs will be delivered to Sherri at Cit Hall or to Dorothy.

FIREWOOD

Barclay offered their window for a firewood display. Dorothy asked the committee to look out for a cardboard fireplace. Dorothy will ask Ace Hardware for a possible fake fireplace to use instead. A round metal rack will also be used. Dorothy will make a new sign.

\$2,714 (10/2008) + \$500 (10/2009) = \$3,214 Revenue for face cord sales.

Flyers have been posted at Jewel (St. Charles, Randal Road). Additional flyers to go to library, Aldi (East Side, Geneva), Jewel (Batavia) and park district, Michael Angelos, Ace Hardware, and Geneva Cleaners.

Sherri and Dorothy will ask if the city will post Firewood sale notice on utility bills again. The notice is already on the City of Geneva online newsletter. Press Releases have also gone out.

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

2009 event raised \$3,216.8 after expenses plus another \$265 in donations.

Proposed Dates for 2010 event

First choice: March 3

Second choice: February 24

We will keep ticket prices the same, cash bar, 50/50 raffle, raffle of firewood, and raffle centerpieces. We will also look to invite Mary Stagenhaven again. "Holding the Line on Prices" will be the poster theme done by Sally.

Jim Weitzl will work with the bank for a donation on lettering to make a new sandwich board sign. A schedule will be made to ask for donations two weekends before (weather permitting).

GRILLING AND OTHER FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

Paul will talk with Jerry Class, who is offering to set up a grill and sell food for Geneva Beautification Committee. They will look at a date (film festival, spring planting) and possibly doing it in conjunction with the History Center.

Isabella's fell through as a venue for a cocktail party fundraiser.

SPRING PLANTING

Spring Planting – April 10

High School group is creating a landscape competition for the Rte 31/3rd Street planting areas. They are also working on splitting and moving existing plants. We want to highlight this year's efforts with a web page (either ours or theirs). Elfi will work on this.

Mary McKittridge wants an additional 2 planters for City Hall for a total of 4 next year/

Flower Boxes

The flower boxes at City Hall need to be water sealed. Brand new boxes will be needed by 2011 at the latest. Elfi will contact Boy Scout Troop 43 for anyone interested in this as an Eagle Scout project. Elfi will refer person to Jim Weigl to coordinate.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Jeni will be fundraising coordinator.

Committee members are: Chris Goulet, Mary Gehring, Esther Barclay, and Mitzie Strike.

Committee workers are: Mary Kay Brown, Cookie Olsen, and Paul DesCoutex

Current funds: Need \$11,828 for flowers, supplies and dirt, planted \$6,264 plants, will need \$6,616 plants for 2010.

The SSA donated \$10,000 in 2009, will donate \$5,000 for 2010.

DONATIONS IN KIND - 2009

Pure Gardener

Wasco Nursery

Ace Hardware – yard bags

Printability

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Prairie Drop Seed – We will dig up and split May 1st from donor Jan Miller (on James Street).

Jim Corfield didn't think we should plant additional bulbs, as they need to be moved for summer planting.

Submitted by Elfi Gabriel, November 13, 2009