

GENEVA BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Dorothy Flanagan's Home

October 22, 2008

In Attendance: Dorothy Flanagan, Paul DesCoteaux, Sherri Weitzl, Jim Corfield, Judy Corfield, Mary Kay Brown, Esther Barclay, Marv Haseman, Linda Haseman, Rick Sturm, Mary Sturm, Jim Gehring, Mary Gehring, Elfi Balek, Lance Mitchell, Cookie Olson, Chris Goulet and Roberta Edwards.

Winter Clean Up – Saturday, November 1, 8 – 10 a. m.

Dorothy sent e-mails to all of the captains instructing them to inform their volunteers to pick up their waste bags at the Geneva Post Office between 8 and 10 a.m. If they are not available that morning they will need to let their captain know. Craig Maladra will pick up the waste bags that morning. Volunteers are instructed to not leave any bags at their area after 10 a.m. Dorothy put out a call for perennials and bulbs from people in our community, there was not a big response but volunteers can take what's available.

Four GHS classes are going to clean up # 14, 16, 21 and 22 planting areas at State St. and 2nd St. as well as 40a and 40b at Rt. 31 and Third St. on Friday, October 31. Geneva High School will transport each class by bus. Jim will put together an itemized list of instructions for the students; he's hoping to get some publicity photos in the newspapers. Chris Goulet volunteered to help.

Sub Committee - Task List

Dorothy passed around an organizational list of jobs that need to be accomplished each year. Instead of Dorothy performing most of these tasks alone, she encouraged each committee member to pick one or more to take charge of.

Financial Report

Our finances are good, we have approximately \$19,000. This year a lot of our flowers were donated and the Downtown Business group gave us \$10,000.

Fundraising

Firewood – Dorothy brought flyers for our firewood sale. She has already posted a couple in local stores and encouraged committee members to each take a couple to put up around town. So far we've made \$700. A bundle of firewood is available for \$5 at the City Hall drop off box for city payments.

Spaghetti Dinner – March 4, 2009

It was decided to again ask Mary Stavenhagen to do a demonstration on garden plants. Dorothy and Elfi both have paper needed for the tickets. The cost of the tickets will remain the same; \$5 for kids and \$10 for adults. We will again hold our 50-50 raffle. A quilting group has generously offered to donate a quilt to be raffled at our dinner. The design is called "Lady of the Garden". Lori Koontz will not be doing decorations this year, a volunteer is needed. Workers will be needed the day of the dinner to set up and that evening to help out and also clean up. We will meet early next year to finalize plans for the dinner.

Spring Planting – April 4 or 11

Bridge Flower Boxes

The bridge flower boxes were vandalized twice this summer; the first time several liners along with the flowers were thrown into the river. After that our committee chained the boxes to the railing. The second vandalizing involved pulling the flowers out of the boxes. We need to make a decision about whether to install cameras to monitor the boxes (which would be expensive) or to post signs saying "monitored by Geneva Police Department" hoping that this will deter the vandals.

Dorothy thanked the committee for their 2008 volunteering by passing out cute magnetic book marks.

Respectfully submitted,
Roberta Edwards