

**City of Madison**  
**Beautification and Tree Board**  
**Tuesday, April 15, 2014**  
**Conference Room, City Hall**  
**5:30 p.m.**



**Minutes**

**Board Members Present:** Alice Tucker, Meredith Kilby, Karen Lawler, Karen Forsyth, and Lisa Thomas.

**Board Members Absent:** Rose Berry, Dorothy Thomas, Lynda Johnston, Linda Kinney, Ray Lewis, Julie Ray, Councilman Gerald Clark.

**Proceedings:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Karen Lawler.

The minutes from the meeting held on March 18, 2014 were approved as written.

***Treasurer's Report***

Treasurer's report was provided by Lisa Thomas, Treasurer. The balance as of April 15, 2014 is \$14,334.17. Lisa has paid the outstanding balance on the benches and receptacles. She has written a check to Dorothy for reimbursement for the workshop. Tom Irby has been paid for items purchased for Arbor Day.

Lisa also presented some plaques that a friend of hers is willing to sell the Board for \$5 each plus engraving. She suggested these could be used for the landscapers with "Excellence". The plaques come in various sizes.

Lisa also discussed the gifts for the judges who will be judging properties in June. The idea of Atlas gloves was agreed upon. Also limiting the lunch menu after the judging to the following:

3 entrees (chicken dish, beef dish, and a meal salad )

Water, tea, and/or coffee

Pan of pretzel salad as a dessert

## **Tree Board**

### ***Placement of plants on Hughes Road Entrance of Cemetery***

Karen Lawler asked that we submit suggestions and/or ideas of plants and placement of plants to her. She suggested we come up with a theme/idea for the city to transition from the knockout roses. The areas we are looking at are the Gateway (Hughes Road), City Hall, and Veterans Park (downtown). Meredith will post something on Facebook. Karen will send an e-mail to all the board members.

## **Beautification Board**

Alice Tucker reported the reservations at the Best Western are for July 17. The conference room at City Hall is reserved for the judges and everyone the morning of the judging. Breakfast items will include bottled water, banana, apples, and muffins.

Alice has 11 judges lined up as of now. Judges are limited to Master Gardeners \*(this will need to be added to the by-laws) and needs to be a Madison resident.

We have 44 entries as of today. Three are no fee. She has received \$615. We have seven new properties this year.

Reminder, June 5 is the judging day. For Honor Roll properties, new signs will be required. She is checking all the records.

### ***Bench Placements***

Tabled until Karen Lawler can discuss with Liz..

### ***Pride of Madison***

Ray Lewis did not have an update this month.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm**

**Minutes prepared by Karen Forsyth**