

City of Madison
Beautification and Tree Board
Tuesday, February 17, 2015
Council Chambers, City Hall
5:30 p.m.



Attendees:

Karen Lawler, Gerald Clark, Marsha Harris, Alice Tucker, Holly Raines, Meredith Kilby, and Julie Ray

Absent:

Linda Johnston, Linda McKinney, Beth Agee, and Karen Forsyth

Minutes

Proceedings:

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

The minutes from the meeting held in January 2015 need to be approved and the Board agreed that the January minutes would be approved at the March Board Meeting.

Karen Lawler introduced a new member of the Board, Ms. Holly Raines. Holly will be the MBTB representative to the Madison Chamber of Commerce.

Treasurer's Report

The current balance is \$20,516.85. This year's budget approval will be dependent upon the update and approval of the MBTB Bylaws.

Bylaws Update

All Board members are requested to review and update the MBTB Bylaws. Comments are due to Karen Lawler no later than Friday, February 27th. Please focus on the beautification of the city and how to better align the board with the accomplishment of those goals when considering updates.

Poster Contest

Marsha Harris provided a final status of a very successful Arbor Day Poster Contest. Seven Madison city schools participated in the contest, and the judging occurred on January 22nd at Dublin Park. All

winner were invited to participate in the February city council meeting to be honored by the city council and to meet and have photographs taken with Mayor Trulock.

Arbor Day Workshop

Meredith Kilby established an online registration site and reported that 53 attendees have registered online for the event, and many that were on the waiting list were invited to come as well. The Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, February 19th at Dublin Park. Councilman Gerald Clark and arborist Harvey Cotton are both scheduled to present. There will be two gift certificates from the Cat Bird Seat given away as door prizes. Pizza, drinks, and cookies will be provided to all attendees.

Tree Planting

Karen Lawler reported for Lynda Johnston that the Tree Planting was rescheduled for March due to the Mayor's schedule. The tree will be a Smoke Tree, and will be planted between the Fire Station and the Madison City Hall building. Lynda will report on the new date at the next meeting.

Pride of Madison

Beth Agee is the new committee chair for the Pride of Madison Program. Beth is verifying all existing routes and participants. She will also be coordinating with the city as arrangements have been made for prisoners to start picking up trash, and it would be good if those routes did not overlap with the existing Pride of Madison routes.

Beautification Board

Alice Tucker reported that May 21st will be the date for judging properties for the Beautification Awards. Alice requested volunteers for route drivers, for a volunteer to obtain Thank-you gifts for the judges, and for designating all other roles/responsibilities needed for a successful event. Meredith is working on updating the entry forms for this year's judging. Meredith and Beth are working with Signs by Tomorrow on an updated beautification sign that would include special signs for all Honor Roll winners.

Prepared by Julie Ray