

**Macalester-Groveland Community Council  
BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Monday, July 20, 2009 – 7:00 PM

Edgumbe Rec Center

**Committee Members In Attendance:** Joe Schwarz, Mary Davis, Sharon Toscano, Jim Toscano, Connie Karlen, Diane Jaskoviak, Cindy Syme, Erine Roche, Steve Matysik, Afton Martens (staff).

**Alley Garden Awards**

Discussion on improvements for next year included: average number of flags per grid, have judges go in pairs, update and refine criteria (better define “garden”), place criteria photos on website, and place criteria in the Villager if possible. Also, advertise criteria at the Spring Plant Share, local garden stores, farmer’s markets.

Staff will advertise for award winners to return AGA flag sticks to the council to recycle for next year’s awards.

**Alley Garden Awards Banquet**

Volunteers: Sharon – door prizes, Mary – door prizes and snacks, Joe – door prizes, Connie – snacks. Cindy Syme talked to Marge Hols, gardener and writer, to see if she would be interested in being a speaker for the event. Staff will follow up with her.

**Fall Plant Share**

Cindy and Connie will contact their volunteer hosts from the Spring Plant Share to gauge interest. Practical Goods will volunteer again and keep plants through the weekend. Volunteers to bring to compost?

**MGCC Event Owner List**

Mary voiced interest as a potential apprentice to Beautification Committee events.

*The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM at Edgumbe Rec Center*