

Macalester-Groveland Community Council
Beautification Committee Minutes
Monday, July 18, 2011 7pm
Edgecumbe Rec Center

Committee Members in Attendance:

Mary Davis, Melissa Andersen, Sharon Toscano, Cindy Syme, Sarah Cledwyn, Lauren Anderson (staff).

Meeting Called to order: 6:57

Recap Alley Garden Awards: 7:00

*51 nominations

*508 Awarded addresses

*46 Rechecks, most of which were given awards

*Judge training feedback:

-Lauren and Sharon did the training. All judges attended. Successful.

-Feedback from judges: Would like increase from 10 to 20 for "Almost Awards"
Would like increase of flags from 25 to 30 for next year

*Shorter judging period very successful when coupled with longer nomination period.

*Mary Davis has better taping method to be used next year for flags.

-a property owner complained of tape from award notice that removed finish from door. Remind judges next year, if using tape to tape glass only.

Alley Garden Awards Banquet:

*Mary Davis motions to change name of AGA Banquet to AGA Celebration. Passed.

*Macalester's Smail Hall reserved for both Oct 11th and 18th by Sarah Cledwyn.

Speaker's schedule will determine date for event.

*Cindy Syme hopes to confirm Lisa Williams Hardman of the Horticulture Society for this week as this year's keynote speaker. She will email results to committee members.

-she will ask speaker to bring materials, and ask if AV/Mic/Podium are needed.

*Committee members will arrive at 5:15 for set up.

Other Business:

*Press- very good use of press this year (times and dates) for AGA and Plant Shares. Also an article in Twin Cities Daily Planet. Link through Mac/Grove website.

*Fall Plant Share at Linda Snouffer's (127 Amherst St), asst: Cindy Syme Sept 10th, 2011

*Discussion to plan dates of AGA and Plant Shares a year ahead.

*Discussion to do a combined "offsite forum" at Tangletown Gardens for next year with the Native Plant Awards group.

*Next meeting September 19th, 2011

Adjourn: 7:50pm