

Macalester-Groveland Community Council
BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
Monday, October 18, 2010 – 7:00 PM
Edgumbe Rec Center

Committee Members in Attendance: Sharon Toscano, Jim Toscano, Cindy Syme, Mary Davis, Nick Eftikides, Lauren Anderson (staff).

Meeting called to order: 7:00pm

Approval of September Minutes: Motion was made, seconded, and approved.

Alley Garden Awards Banquet:

The Committee finalized details for Wednesday's Alley Garden & Native Garden Award Celebration. Ramsey County Master Gardener Jennifer Porwitt will speak on native plants and butterflies for about 30 minutes – thank you to Cindy for all the hard work put into finding a speaker! Sharon contacted Craig Skone who will briefly talk about the Native Garden Award program. Volunteers will stand to the side of the podium to help hand out awards and prizes. Registration is at 44 – we hope to have around 60 attendees including walk-ins. Lauren will print certificates and send a finalized list of names to Sharon on Tuesday for emceeing.

MGCC Board Retreat:

The Board gathered on October 2nd to look critically at MGCC's programs in light of reductions in staffing capacity. To reduce the burden on staff, more tasks are being shifting to committee members. Due to difficulty in finding volunteers, the Fall Plant Share was voted to be eliminated. The Alley Garden Awards program was flagged as being too staff intensive, so modifications will need to be made for 2011 to reduce the number of staff hours involved.

Each committee also needs to appoint a secretary to take minutes. Cindy volunteered to be the Beautification Committee Secretary (thank you, Cindy!). Mary offered to serve as a substitute if Cindy is unable to make a meeting.

2011 Work Plans:

As part of the board retreat process, the Committee needs to create and approve a Scope of Work document to show the modifications made by the Committee to take on tasks that have historically been completed by staff. After approval, this document will be sent to the board for approval. Lauren drafted an initial Beautification Scope of Work with modifications to the Alley Garden Awards program - committee members made edits and approved the document.

The Committee also elected Sharon Toscano as chair for 2011. Congratulations, Sharon!

Next meeting: Monday, February 21, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Edgumbe Recreation Center.