**City of Southport Beautification Committee Minutes**

**Date:** March 15, 2021 Minutes taken by: Karen Pasquale

**Location:** Indian Trail Meeting Hall

**Quorum determined:** Meeting called to order by Bonnie Bray at: 5:04pm

**In Attendance:** Bonnie Bray, Nancy Disbrow, Margaret Fontaine, Sharon Lightbourne, Karen Pasquale, Ken and Lynne Geiman, Randy Jones, Tom Lombardi, Maria Lowther, Rob Thatcher

**Absent:** none

**Guests:** Kate Singley

**Approval of February 15, 2021 Minutes:** Minutes amended**,** approved and seconded.

 1. **Committee Reports**

1. **Native Plant Pollinator Garden (NPPG**): Kate Singley
* NPPG needs some new plants.
* Purpose will be to use and reuse plants, nectar plants and various seeds for diversity.
* Bonnie suggested that Kate submit a dollar request for her budget.
* Have not applied for Bee City Certification. Must be a “no spray” area.
* Yearly renewal to Bee City is $100.00.
* Kate needs replenishment of brochures. Randy will supply her with brochures.
* Kate asked if NPPG could be included in the Southport Cart Tour. Dan Guetschaw, the tour guide, could bring people maybe once or twice a month is the request.

1. **Communication Report:** Margaret Fontaine
* Margaret took great pictures at our last Work Day, March 6th.
* Students must give permission to have their pictures in the newsletter and on Southport’s Facebook page. Margaret will bring permission forms next work day.
* Students are enthusiastic and want to volunteer at more work days and pop-ups.
* Margaret gave pictures to Gary Pethe, State Pilot, to use for his article.
* April Newsletter has been submitted.
1. **Planting Planning:** Lynne Geiman
* Planting sub-committee, Sharon, Margaret, Karen and Lynne have met several times.
* This committee has narrowed down the sites to “primary” and “secondary”.
* Primary is Waterfront and Garrison Lawn. Secondary is JC area etc.
* Nurseries still low on plants.
* Planting will be in 2 phases. Now and in July.
* Tom Lombardi suggests that maybe Heather could give us money for our budget for the Garrison Lawn.
* Randy Jones says he will ask the City Manager for money to do the repairs at Kingsley.
* Bonnie Bray weeded at the Firehouse sub-station.
* Marjorie Jones who worked on the Peace Pole, located on the waterfront near the pier, asks if someone else can take that task over for her.
* Lynne asked if the SBC, Southport Beautification Committee, would take over the Peace Pole as another steward site. Committee approved.
* Randy will ask Heather for dollars for flowers for the Pump House. They are jasmine at $30.00 a piece. We need approximately 12 plants.
* Margaret spoke with Kim at All in Bloom for her site near Oliver’s. Kim is in the planning stage for this site. Kim will post a sign for her spot.
1. **Financial Report:** Nancy Disbrow
* $1916.34 left in the budget.
* Coastal Water Watch (CWW) has a budget of $2350.06.
* Randy will order Xmas trees and garland.
* Karen Pasquale will place an ad in “Just Judy” in St James, to ask for artificial Xmas trees people are willing to donate.
* Margaret asked if we can use any of the CWW money for plants to be placed at the CWW sign, and plants to be placed at the Pump house.
* Tom looked at all the signs throughout Southport and stated that most can be repaired with just paint. He needs $100.00 out of Supplies for his paint budget.
* Bonnie suggests that we have a new column(category) for Signs, $600.00 budget.

2. **Old Business**

1. **Picnic Table Installation Update:** Ken Geiman
* 5 team leaders sanded and stained the picnic tables.
* 5 people per table built the tables on Garrison lawn.
* Tables were placed at the following sites: 1 table at Kingsley, 2 at Kezia Park, 2 at Franklin Square Park.
1. **March Workday:** Lynne/Bonnie
* 37 people attended. 15 of the group were students.

3. **New Business**

1. **Garbage Bin Water-tight tops:** Tom
* Due to the problem of the garbage bins filling with rain water, Tom built a slanted top of wood to be placed on the bins.
* Tom requests a list of bins and their location that need these slanted tops.
* Tom and Ken need a group of volunteers to help build these slanted pieces.
* City Manager will pay for the wood.

 **b**. **SBC Board Officer Elections Nominating Slate:** Bonnie

* Applications accepted thru the end of April.
* Applicants will interview with Tom and Bonnie.
* Sharon and Margaret are renewing their positions.
1. **FY 2022 Budget:**  Nancy/Randy/Bonnie
* $100.00 taken out of Holiday to NPPG.
* Mary will get $75.00.
* Nancy will set up a new 2021-2022 Projected Budget sheet.

**d. April Workday:** Lynne/Bonnie

* Bonnie asks for date of workday to be changed from April 3rd to April 10th due to Easter holiday.
* Lynne states that April 10th will be a day of staining and weeding.
* Lynne will organize a list of sites that need staining.
* April 3rd will be a “pop-up” day because it has already been listed in the newsletter. Bonnie will meet people who show up on April 3rd at the Jail house and direct them to weed certain sites.

4**. Adjourned:** 6:45pm **Next meeting:** April 19, 2021