

## Arboretum Committee Minutes

4/30/97

Meeting began 2:40 p.m.

Members present: Sherrill Wible, Norm Bohnensteil, Hal Patten, George Perkins, Ken Wheat, Dennis Joyce, Faye Coffman, Cathy Sawyer, Ed Harris, Judy Albus, Lisa Carrigan, Gail Mastroianni

- Newspaper article came out Saturday, 4/26/97 on Arboretum project.
- Student Council voted to donate \$1800 - \$2000 to buy 36 Red Sunset Maples to be planted in front of school. The group will plant them with the assistance of George Perkins ( Custodial Manager). Grounds department will provide stakes, hose, wire and mulch. Trees are coming from Walbart Nursery.
- Hal contacted the area discount stores:
  - Target—a proposal was given to them. They will let us know by Friday, May 2 as to how they will participate.
  - K-Mart--Will put wish list in garden area and will match purchases.
  - Wal-Mart—Will match whatever money the students raise up to \$1500.
- Donations go to EJHM (?) Foundation first, then it is deposited into an account for the Arboretum and a thank you is to be sent.
- Hal went to Chamber of Commerce for a listing of area businesses. Hal will finish "Donation" letter. We are to visit 10 businesses.
- Phase I of planting will be May 17, phase II will be 2 weeks later.
- Burns Nursery will sell us trees at wholesale. We need to provide them with a wish list and labels. Gail Mastroianni is making the ribbons to go with the labels. Judy Albus will assist with label making. Grounds crew can then go pick up the trees.
- I-Line has already had responses from parent who want to purchase trees in the name of their students who can help plant the donated tree.

- Memorial markers for the trees will be provided by George. We can use scrap monument stones the size of bricks which will be buried level with the ground. Less vandalism, easier to mow around.
- Area nurseries, Waldbart and Tidwell's will work with us. Tidwell's will sell white pines at \$8.00 per foot.
- Norm and Ed will go to EJHM Foundation Board meeting Thursday at 8:00 to set up account.
- Fundraiser letter will be ready by May 2. We discussed sending this letter home with elementary students.
- General discussion about Bike Trail project and how we could tie our project in with the Bike Trail.
- Diane Highlander and her husband purchased acreage outside of Edwardsville. They would like to donate Pin Oaks off this property. It was decided that these trees would work along Center Grove Road. The trees should be planted in the fall.
- Ed Harris discussed the KSD Channel 5 fundraising program. We sell coupon booklets. After 500 are sold, we get \$7.50. This will be done through the English classes. The idea is to ask each student to sell one. Class that sells the most will get a pizza party. He has ordered 1000 books already. The fund-raiser will run 9/5 through 10/11.
- Next meeting: 5/7/97 at 2:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Gail Mastroianni