

Arboretum Committee Minutes

5/7/97

Meeting began 2:45 p.m.

Members present: Sherrill Wible, Norm Bohnensteil, George Perkins, Dennis Joyce, Faye Coffman, Cathy Sawyer, Mrs. Enloe, Tom Burns, SIUE Arboretum representative (no introduction)

- George Perkins informed us that the money for 36 red maples has been received from the Student Council. The trees will be delivered next Friday, the 16th. Planting is scheduled for next Saturday, May 17th, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the new high school. The grounds crew will have the area staked and the trees will be placed at each planting site. Mulch will also be available to place around the trees, as well as wire, hose and stakes for supporting the trees. Tom Burns suggested that we rent an auger to dig the holes for the trees.
- George also informed us that the Student Council will also be providing the money to purchase ⁴⁶crabapple trees to plant in the circle out front of the building. These trees will not be planted the 17th due to not knowing how many people will actually turnout to plant.
- George also discussed the arrangement made with Tidwell's Tree Farm to provide us with as many white pine trees, for free, that we want. We are also able to purchase other conifers wholesale. The public may also purchase trees to donate to the project. Mr. Tidwell spoke to his Rotary Club about a monetary donation. Mr. Tidwell would like for us to wait until fall to transplant any trees.
- There was a typographical error in Hal's letter that needs to be corrected before it can be sent out.
- The sprinkler system has not yet been installed. This will not affect the red maple planting, but would impact the crabapple planting in the front circle area. George will talk to Mr. Hightower to see when the sprinklers will be installed.
- George informed us that Marriott is donating \$6000 to the Arboretum group for landscaping.
- We will need to pick up donations from the area discount stores before they deplete their stock and close down their garden shops for the season.

- It was suggested that money should be set aside for maintenance, replacement and clean-up after storms.
- It was also suggested that the tree markers be also printed in Braille.
- The orange and black ribbons and labels were ready to distribute to the area stores, nurseries and tree farms. George volunteered to get to the discount stores with the ribbons and cards.
- It was suggested that the non-science classes stay involved with the project by designing sculptures, building park benches, etc.
- On May 8th, Ken and George will meet with Diane Highlander at her property to take a look at her pin oaks that she wishes to donate.
- Record keeping will take place as the cards come in with the donated items. We need to have thank-you cards made up as soon as possible.
- It was suggested that we apply for the American Disabilities Act grant. There is also a grant (OSLAD) available from the Department of Transportation for beautifying America.

Next meeting: May 14th at 2:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrill Wible