

Friends of Riverside Park Gardens

Board Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2008

Opening:

President Diane Wolf called the meeting of the Friends of Riverside Park Gardens to order at 6:33 p.m. on Monday, September 8, 2008 at the Greenhouse.

Present:

Diane Wolf, Vickie Koker, Tom Greene, Ina Ackeberg, Greg Bouljon, Carol Black, Mary Carson, Nancy McKinnon, Louise Stoelting and Stephen Mueller.

A. Open Issue

Greg Bouljon presented the Treasurer's report and it was accepted by the board. Greg also presented a 2009 Budget for the group and it too was accepted with a change to postage. The board thought the postage should be increased.

Nancy McKinnon was present at the board meeting as the new Volunteer Coordinator for the group. Nancy's email address is: [nancynancy2424@att.net](mailto:nancynancy2424@att.net). Note: address on membership list is not correct

Diane Wolf asked the board to approve a \$100 for an ad for the upcoming plant sale. The board approved.

Stephen Mueller reported the deadline for the newsletter will be the first week of October. He has asked that anyone with something to contribute to please do so.

Tom Greene said he told Erikson's Plumbing that we were in no hurry for the hot water heater so he didn't expect them until late fall. Diane Wolf suggested that Tom ask them about running it from the garden center that maybe that would be cheaper. Tom said he would check into it.

Diane Wolf asked the board if they wanted the Lilies of the valley and iris from the MAC. The board thought it was a good idea just to sell at the sale.

Tom Greene suggested we put peonies at the point of entry. He found some new varieties for \$8 each and he suggested we buy 30. He also said we could dig and divide at future sales. The board would like approval from the City prior to doing this; Greg Bouljon will approach Milt Hand and get back to Tom.

Louise Stoelting researched purchasing bulbs and asked the board to approve the purchase of approximately 2000 bulbs. Tom Greene thought we would need that many to make a show. The board approved \$675 for this with shipping after October 1, 2008.

There is a something like a street light out in the garden that isn't working. Greg Bouljon will talk to Milt Hand about having it repaired

Ida Aceberg researched tables for the Friends at Sam's Club. The board decided on 4x2 adjustable at \$40 per table. The board approved the purchase of 4 tables.

Diane Wolf reminded the board of the retreat on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 3:00 at the greenhouse. All Friends of Riverside Park Gardens will be invited to attend.

Louise Stoelting asked the board if they wanted to do the Community Day at Younkers. The board asked her to sign us up and it would be discussed more at the October board meeting.

## B. New Business

Greg Bouljon will contact Lori Wilson, City of Moline and ask about the money from the classes that the Friends have done.

Diane Wolf reminded Tom Greene about the September 20<sup>th</sup> class on iris and peonies. Diane also gave Tom a handout on bulbs from the Silvis Garden Clubs newsletter. Tom said he may have to get a substitute teacher for that class but will let the Friends know.

Tom Greene reported a donation of Hosta and river rock to the Friends for the fall sale. Tom used the rock in our new pond and said the Hosta needed to be divided for the sale. That donation came from the Ladwig's at 2606 4<sup>th</sup> Street Court, East Moline. Vickie Koker will send a thank you.

Tom Greene asked the board if the Hort Club could use our patio for their annual wiener roast on September 17<sup>th</sup>. The board approved.

Diane Wolf asked the board if the Hort Club could sell their wreaths at our plant sale. She suggested they sit outside the door as our customers are leaving. The board agreed.

Diane Wolf asked all board members to collect soda and beer flats for the sale.

Barb McCleary had an idea that Friends volunteers could wear t-shirts with the Friends logo for the plant sale and other events. If members are interested they need to contact Barb McCleary. The t-shirts would have the Friends logo and would cost \$20. The shirts are being done by JSB Signs & Graphics in Moline 797-5280.

Tom Greene reported digging up Hosta that was donated from the Ladwig family at 2606 4<sup>th</sup> Street Court, East Moline. He also reported them donating riverrock. Vickie Koker will send them a thank you.

Tom Greene talked about the drainage in the gardens and that it isn't draining in the creek as it should. He made a few adjustments but said we need to get the City to look at that in the future.

#### Work Day Schedule

Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

#### Agenda for Next Meeting:

- Treasurer's Report
- Committee Reports
- Fall Plant Sale
- Community Day (Younkers)
- Scheduled classes
- Future Projects
- New Business

#### Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next board meeting will be October 6, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Vickie Koker

Approved by: