

Williamsville Garden Club
Williamsville, IL 62693
August 8, 2015

Members present: Linda Wise, Valerie Patterson, Joyce Cooper, Darlene Sagle, Debbie Larson, Nique Scarbrough, Deb Bracey, Marsha Menzel, Barb Traeger, Kim Knox and Jenny Brennan

Minutes: The minutes from the May meeting were read and distributed to the members.

- Boulevard Project
 - Village covered the cost of the mulch
 - 25 cubic yards of mulch
 - There is some mulch left over and we have some areas that need additional mulch
 - Library
 - Small boulevard on Harpole
 - Welcome to Williamsville sign area
 - May want to think about taking over the maintenance of this area from the 4-H
 - If anyone needs mulch for personal use after that, they can purchase it from the village
- Budget Info
 - Spend about \$3400 on the boulevard project
 - Around \$2700 left
- Fall Festival
 - Will be held on 9/12/15
 - Garden Club typically donates a couple of items for door prizes
 - Marsha and Joyce will take care of this
 - Community Foundation is looking for volunteers for several areas – can contact Kim Knox or Brenda Marshall if interested in helping
- Flags for Labor Day
 - Karri, Deb Larson and Jenny Brennan will place flags on Thursday or Friday before Labor Day weekend – all are welcome
 - They are rolled up in the storage shed – code is 62693
- Facebook B Administrator for our Facebook page
 - Must 'like' the page to follow the updates
 - Nique has volunteered to manage this for us
 - We will post pictures of what we have done and ask for suggestions from the community on what they would like to see
- Weeding
 - Need to set up a time to do this to maintenance the areas
 - Looking at next week to do this – Monday evening at 6:30pm, meet at the library
 - Can possibly re-mulch those areas as well, or contact the village to do that

- Watering is not happening as often as it needs to be done
 - Garden Club has requested and offered to purchase a water pump for the truck
 - Need to follow up with Tom about this – Linda to check into getting the pump off the truck and getting a replacement
- Safety
 - Need to get cones or something to place along the boulevards when we are working
 - Possibly order shirts – bright colored shirts to wear
- Boo on the Boulevard
 - To have or not to have – that is the question
 - Weekend before Halloween – Oct 24th
 - Cooper’s StreatSide Bistro has reserved the date for us if we are doing this
 - Looking at options
 - No changes
 - Downsize with more efficiency, less workload
 - Keep it all one area – like at the boulevard or the park
 - Kordings have offered to help with the house, or they may want to host something in one of their buildings
 - Have spots along the trolley ride where houses would be decorated
 - Scrap it
 - Go to an every other year format
 - We make around \$1200 – it is our biggest money maker currently
 - Cannot really make more money unless we add another day, or add another trolley
 - Mayor has offered proceeds one day for car wash
 - Quarter Auction – last time we made about \$800
 - Haunted Trolley Tour Idea
 - Determine route
 - Have 5 or 6 areas along the trolley ride that would be decorated, including the outside of the mansion
 - Wristbands?
 - Can we have more than one trolley?
 - Darlene to ask Raymond Poe if we can possibly get one more trolley
 - Use fire pits and hay bales for the S’more station uptown
 - Possible photo area and costume ‘prizes’, but not a contest
 - Look into changing the date to Sunday night to eliminate some conflicts with JFL banquet, other fall activities, etc.
- Possible idea for a Christmas Tea at the mansion
- Decided to keep it on the 24th and to do a tour version – all items concentrated at and along the boulevard, plus the tour
- Discussion about how to charge or not charge members for Garden Club events

- Members and family of the Garden Club will not pay for Garden Club events, unless it calls for such
 - Those who have donated services for an event will also get in free at the discretion of the Garden Club
- Suggested to ask the Travelling Gypsy group if they want to set up a pop up store on the boulevard the night of Boo
- Next Meeting Tuesday 25th at Nique's at 6:30pm