

MACOMB BEAUTIFUL ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

Macomb Beautiful Association met at the Old Dairy meeting room on October 17th with 30 members and 3 guests present. We welcomed Ketra Wanamaker as a new member and Marilyn Billingsly, Meri Kieffer (a recent MBA Beautification award winner), and Deb McDaniel as guests.

President Penny Yunker introduced acclaimed local artists, Pat Hobbs and Nancy Smith Jones, whose work is currently on display at WCIAC. They presented a program on "Enjoying your flowers long after the growing season-tips for painting flowers". Each table in the room was adorned with vases of different flowers and members were shown how to use a pen for contour line drawing. After instruction and encouragement, members each made a drawing and shared their work.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Minutes: Secretary Barb Knox presented the minutes from the September meeting. They were approved as read. A note from Cassidy Depoy and the Macomb Park District was read thanking MBA for our support of their tree planting grant application.

Treasurer: Penny presented the treasurer's report which shows a cash balance of \$7,982.56. Expenses last month included plaques, programs, refreshments, and rental fee for the awards ceremony held at WCIAC and plaques honoring Roger Barclay's donations of trees to the city. Madena Chuvala made a motion to accept the report, Holly Head seconded, and the motion carried. Miriam Swisher was thanked for asking that contributions in memory of her son-in-law be given to MBA.

Fundraising: Sharon Lindahl reported that the Card Party scheduled for Thursday, November 8th has 15 tables reserved. Door prizes will be awarded and it was decided to serve dessert during the middle of the event. There is room for five more tables.

Chandler Park, Courthouse, and Train Station: Penny said that a fall clean-up of Chandler Park and the Courthouse will be scheduled soon. Several volunteers recently cleared the containers around the Square, replaced evergreens, and placed fall decorations in them. The gardens in the Chandler Park and Courthouse have all looked good all summer. It was agreed to have the West Prairie FFA provide the geraniums for the train station again in 2019. They will have a brighter selection next year to show up better in the planter boxes. Sharon made a motion that MBA again donate \$1,500 to the city for Christmas trees and lights in Chandler Park. Rosemary Aten seconded and the motion carried.

Greta Hangelbroek won the free lunch!

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Knox, Secretary

REMAINING 2018 DATES:

November 8th (Thursday) Card Party Fundraiser-Macomb Country Club 1:00 p.m.

November 15 (Thursday) Last regular meeting of 2018-Rachel Lenz-Executive Director Macomb Park District, "**All you should know about the Macomb Park District**"