

MACOMB BEAUTIFUL ASSOCIATION

Wednesday May 15, 2019

Old Dairy Restaurant

President Barbara Knox called the meeting to order at noon and welcomed 16 members. One guest, Rose Loflin was welcomed.

President Knox introduced our speaker, Bridget Hinchee, Natural Resources Coordinator at Argyle State Park. Some of her topics included bird identification, butterfly gardens, and programs offered at Argyle State Park throughout the year.

Some of the more popular activities include;

- Maple Syrup Festival (40 gallons of sap yields 1 gallon of syrup)
- Conservation Day for 5 th Grade Students
- Breakfast and Birding
- Kayaking
- Friends Group for Argyle
- Free Fishing Days
- Nature and Art
- Stargazing and Astrology
- History Hike to Cemetery
- Landscaping for Nature

Bridget taught us the 7 S's for Bird Identification. They are;

1. Size
2. Shapes
3. Shade
4. Song
5. Sweep
6. Surroundings
7. Seasons

There are 39 Species of Plants in the Habitual Garden at the Visitors Center.

Minutes of the April 17, 2019, MBA were distributed by Secretary Marilyn Pastorelli. The date of the April meeting was corrected. There being no additional changes or corrections, Marilyn Salaries and Sharon Lindahl moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried. These minutes are attached.

The Financial Report for April was presented by Penny Yunker. Membership dues are continuing to be received. Penny asked assistance from members to call on the businesses to collect dues.

Fundraising The card party will be June 6, 2019 at the Macomb Country Club. Member is asked to bring items for door prizes.

Penny reported \$100.00 was received form the note cards made by Siraj Hall.

Train Station Flowers will be put in the flower boxes at the depot later in May by membrs of the West Prairie FFA. Summer waterers have signed up.

Chandler Park The rose bushes have been dug up. John Looman reported a new sidewalk is being laid on the southeast corner of Chandler Park. The plants have come in from Sweetbriar at Raritan, Ill.

Courthouse John Looman reported the azaleas look great. Planting is scheduled for May 16. at 8:00 am. Wilma Wilson reported the annuals would also be planted on May 16, at 8:00 am. Wilma announced the Macomb Beautiful Association sign is missing from the Courthouse flower bed. The city workers thought the sign may have been picked up with the winter snow removal.

City/Museum Sue Scott is needing some broken pots for use in the flower pots. It was suggested she might use empty milk cartons.

50th Anniversary Celebration Maureen Marx reported that the 50th Anniversary Committee met on May 6th. The committee has invited sculptor Duke Oursler to prepare some drawing of a proposed sculpture that would be given to the city. Duke will present his drawings to the committee at their June 10th meeting. Locations for the sculpture will also be discussed.

Grant for Removal of Abandoned Property Barb Knox reported that about a year ago the City has demolished several abandoned homes in Macomb. The land can be used or sold after three years. A member had suggested that MBA consider one of these properties for a pocket park and/or basketball court. The issue will be revisited in the future.

Free Lunch The winner of the free lunch was Rose Loflin.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Marilyn Pastorelli, Secretary.

