

Minutes of Friends of the Garden

November 10, 2011

Board Members Present: George Deatz, Dr. Bob Kipfer, Gail Wright, Carla Beezley, Christine Chiu, Jeanne Duffey, Kenny Knauer, Mike Ward, Cindy Baird, Tom Lakowske, Dr. Bill Roston, Peggy Sauer, Patrick Byers, George Freeman, Nancy Hopkins, Heather Parker, Deanna Armstrong, J.J. Averett, Lisa Bakerink, Susan Cardwell, Marthe Close, Avis Holloway, Joe Kleiber, Linda Whiting.

Guest Present: There were 10 guests present.

Treasurer's Report: Kauleen distributed the October treasurer's report by email. Bob Kipfer moved to accept; the report was approved.

Minutes: Gail distributed the October minutes by email. Bob Kipfer moved to accept; the minutes were approved.

Guest Speaker: Ric Myer introduced Cameron Smith from Olson Engineering. Planned South Creek changes below Close Memorial Park's Lake Drummond dam were revealed in a slide presentation with plans to show waterway improvements that are designed to stabilize the creek bed and banks. In addition the construction is also designed to protect the dam and Greenway trail from excessive undercutting from the current poor creek alignment. Relocation of part of the Greenway trail is designed to be safer for public use. The project includes a water feature for public use near the spillway. Bids for construction are expected this coming spring with funding already approved from the 2006 sales tax designated for Greene County waterway improvements.

Marketing and Fundraising Committee: Jeanne Duffey reported that they met last Tuesday with some new members and came up with some good ideas. They would like to have as many members as possible attend the annual meeting in January – maybe have door prizes and food. Her next news release will announce the Botanical Society merging with FOG. Nancy Hopkins announced a FOG Board retreat that is planned for Saturday January 7, 2012 for 8:30-11:30. The Sensory group meets 1 week from today at the Botanical Center. So far, \$10,000 has been raised for the Sensory Garden. The Bettine Clemen concert raised \$2,350 with 94 tickets sold. Another concert may be scheduled for August-maybe at Drury. George D. suggested that Bettine be recognized for her contribution to FOG by making her a lifetime member. Bob Kipfer moved that we make Bettine Clemen a Friends of the Garden Lifetime Member & International Ambassador in recognition of her outstanding performance and support she has given Friends of the Garden. The motion was approved. George thanked everyone for their efforts, as there are now over 1000 members of Friends of the Garden,

Publicity: George Freeman reported that Greene Magazine should be in the mail tomorrow. There are now 6 issues a year. George D. thanked George F. for all his work and also Jeanne Duffey and Tom Lakowske for the articles they write. January 1st is the next deadline, as they want to have the next issue out for the Lawn and Garden Show. Kenny Knauer has been working with the TV and radio broadcast media. He named Joe Daues, Tom Trtan, Michelle Skalisky, Steve Grant and the Community Free Press as being very helpful. He encouraged everyone to give feedback to the stations showing that we appreciate their efforts. George D. thanked Kenny for all his work with the media. KOZK and KOZJ filmed a segment on the Botanical Center and now we have a copy, which will run at the Botanical Center this winter.

Garden Committee: George D reported on the following for Bob Childress:

Three new signs are up made by Mike Ward and Bob; they look vey professional.

Stan Horsch was recognized for getting the sod down by the Butterfly House.

The irrigation for the Daylily Garden is being worked on, as it did not perform as well last year. George thanked Cliff Garland and Frieda Alexander for the grants we receive from Wal-Mart for their work in the Daylily Garden. Additional expenditures need to be approved for the irrigation work. Bob Kipfer moved to approve the expenditure of \$2500 charged against the Friends of the Garden Special Park Rental Account for the four-inch water main between the Botanical Center and the Butterfly House, \$3285.00 for repairs and relocation of 53 sprinkler heads for Daylily Garden including timers for the zones. The motion was approved.

Gail reported the 3 teardrop beds in the Winter Garden are planted and approximately 1900 bulbs are also planted with lots of help. Bob is planning on having the Young Marines mulch the beds.

Two gardens need to be adopted-the Dwarf Conifer Garden and the Azalea Garden. The merger of the Botanical Society of SW Mo. with FOG is now completed and Don and Nancy Schmidt have adopted the Japanese Stroll Garden.

George recognized the Pink Dogwood Club, J.J.Averett and Tom Lakowske for all the volunteer hours they have put in.

Butterfly House Operations Group: Lisa Bakerink reported on the Monarch tagging event; 135 Monarchs were tagged and 350 people stopped by. Pictures of the event are in the Connection Magazine. They hope to make it a bigger event next year and to collect more butterflies. The Junior Docent program is being organized this winter and they are looking for a leader. They have a planning meeting Monday November 21 at 6 pm. George gave Lisa a hand for all her work.

Nominating Committee: Marthe reported on the proposed slate of officers for 2012. They will be voted on at the next meeting on December 8. Proposed officers

are: President-Nancy Hopkins, Vice President- Christine Chiu, Secretary- Cindy Baird, and Treasurer-Brent Bothwell Palmer. George thanked Marthe for all her work. The new board members are now active members.

The Executive Director position has been tabled for now by Parks. George will still be available for Nancy to call on.

George introduced Linda Siler as the representative for the Japanese Group.

The bylaws are posted on the website; everyone should have a copy.

Dorothy has 160 volunteers on her list.

Nancy Hopkins wants pictures of all the board members for a directory.

Marthe has a thank you card for Susan Boswell for the flower arrangement she sent for the anniversary event.

Garden Adventures has a class next Saturday at 10 am on winterizing plants and a papercrete class Sunday afternoon at 1 pm.

Peter Longley has a Tablescares "Thanksgiving" on Saturday November 19 at 2 pm.

The next meeting will be December 8. Bob Kipfer moved to adjourn at 0610.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Wright, Secretary