

Alton Beautification and Clean City Committee
Minutes of the Meeting September 3, 2009
Haskell House 3:30 p.m.

Members Present: Laura Wallendorf, Rhonda Lewis, Sara McGibany, Sue Weber, Darrell McGibany, Carolyn Dooley, Tom Weathers, Carolyn Gronemeier, and Margaret Renken.

Members Absent: Joe Blair, Brad Cunningham, Mike Drake, and Sue Hardin.

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier (Mayor's Office), Tim Booth (Principia College).

Chairperson Laura Wallendorf called the meeting to order and welcomed guest Tim Booth from Principia College.

The minutes of the July 2, 2009 meeting were presented and approved by motion of Rhonda Lewis, seconded by Carolyn Dooley.

Old Business -

Report on Mayor's Tour: The Mayor's Tour of the Mini-Grant sites was a great success. Two bills for the tour were submitted for approval- \$276 to Sign Magic, \$50 to Senior Services Plus (for the bus). Darrell McGibany made a motion to approve payment of the bills, Rhonda Lewis seconded- motion passed.

Budget and City Business: A current budget status was not available; however, we have only spent the aforementioned \$326.

New Business:

Greg Mortenson Event: Principia College will be hosting Greg Mortenson at the Amphitheater on October 9th, Mr. Mortenson is the author of *Three Cups of Tea* and a nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize. His message at this event will be Community Service and it will be attended by all area school 4th graders. The AB&CCC has been asked to help with the event, decorating the amphitheater, and working with other groups, including The United Way which will have a volunteer booth and Weed and Seed which will probably give out free copies of Mr. Mortenson's book which may then be signed by him. We would like to have a sign up at the event for the Adopt-A-Block and the Adopt-A-Trashcan programs. Carolyn Dooley will provide a list of needy areas for the Adopt-A-Block, Laura Wallendorf will do the form. Sara McGibany, Sue Weber, and Margaret Renken will work on the decorating.

Mississippi Earthtones Festival: The AB&CCC will again participate in this year's festival, offering the blue recycle bins and selling T-shirts for \$5. The cost for having the booth is \$15, which will be paid out of the proceeds from last year's T-shirt sales. Carolyn Dooley & Margaret Renken will be at the booth from 10:00-2:30; Darrell McGibany will be at the booth from 2:30-7:00.

Web Page: The AB&CCC will present quarterly "web page awards" on the City's web page to area businesses for keeping their properties cleaned up and well landscaped. Laura Wallendorf made a motion, seconded by Rhonda Lewis, to appoint Darrell McGibany to chair the program, motion passed. Matt Asselmeier will assist.

Mini-Grant Program: We are in need of sponsors for the mini-grant program if it is to continue and grow. Laura Wallendorf and Matt Asselmeier will contact Lowe's and Home Depot to ask them to participate in the program.

Litter'ature Program: The Educational Committee has drafted a letter to the schools to turn the Litter'ature Program over to them. The schools have all of the kits and supplies for the program and the AB&CCC would send a reminder letter to each school in the fall with a notice of new book titles they may order. A motion was made by Laura Wallendorf, seconded by Darrel McGibany, to send the letter to the local schools; motion passed.

New Action Requests: A request has been made for the blue recycle bins for the Mississippi Earthtones Festival.

Announcements: Matt Asselmeier reported on the Alton City Newsletter and that October 9th filming of channel 4 news from Alton.

Announcements: - None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:50. Our next meeting will be October 1st at 3:30 p.m. at Haskell House.