

## Friends of Riverside Park Gardens

### Board Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2008

#### Opening:

President Diane Wolf called the meeting of the Friends of Riverside Park Gardens to order at 6:34 p.m. on Monday, November 3, 2008 at the Greenhouse.

#### Present:

Diane Wolf, Vickie Koker, Tom Greene, Mary Carson, Nancy McKinnon, Ina Ackeberg and Stephen Mueller.

#### A. Open Issue

Tom Greene reported the planting at the point of entry went well. He said they planted about 52 Peonies and some bulbs.

Tom said they Peonie class went very well. They identified an old Peonie that was planted years ago (Coral Charm). Tom also said the bulb class went well, he had 6 or 7 people. Diane thought we should have a lab fee for the next set of classes. The November 18<sup>th</sup> class Tom will be teaching is on forcing bulbs.

Mary Carson will call the city to see how many have signed up for the gourd class Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. The Friends will prepare the gourds prior to the class.

Stephen Mueller said the newsletter went out by mail to those who don't have email. Stephen also gave board members an updated membership list and an inactive list. If nobody has seen anyone from the inactive list he will remove them permanently from the members list.

Diane asked Stephen to send a reminder to all members about the "Brain Storming" on Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00. Diane will ask volunteers to call all members about this meeting. Diane suggested some of the following topics for discussion; gardens, community events, 5 year plan, classes and specific flowers.

Diane reported that Sue Eveland said she thought the group has sold over 50 books for Community Day at Younkers.

## B. New Business

Stephen Mueller asked the board what the work day hours were so he could post on website. See revised schedule below.

Mary Carson will call Modern Woodman to ask about the Spring Sale and if they will match funds again.

Tom Greene is expecting a revised proposal about the water heater. They have talked about running a hot water line into the greenhouse with a mixer in the greenhouse. The board approved if the proposal comes in at approximately the same price.

Diane Wolf reported the bylaws committee is suggesting a few changes and that she would ask for approval from the membership at the annual meeting. She requested the annual meeting be moved to April instead of January and the board approved.

Diane Wolf presented the Lease Agreement from the City; the lease is for 5 years at \$1 per year. The lease does require us to purchase liability insurance and Vickie Koker will investigate and get back to the board on that at the December meeting. It was suggested that we call Roger Clawson, State Farm Insurance or Mike Woods, Illinois Extension.

It was suggested we participate in the Lawn and Garden show at the Quad City Expo Center. Vickie Koker will call to get information on how to participate.

Stephen Mueller reported his company will match funds for his volunteer hours. This could be a donation of \$500 to \$1000. Stephen will give us more information at future meetings.

Stephen Mueller asked the board's permission to talk to River Action about future projects at the park. The board thought that would be a good idea.

Stephen Mueller also asked that volunteers not tamper with the controls in the greenhouse that they could get damaged.

Work Day Schedule

Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Agenda for Next Meeting:

- Treasurer's Report
- Community Day (Younkers)
- Classes
- Design Committee
- Water heater
- Lease Agreement
- Brain storming November 9th
- New Business

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:05p.m. The next board meeting will be December 1, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Vickie Koker

Approved by: