

Residential Beautification Meeting

February 12, 2018

Members of the Residential Beautification group met February 12, 2018 at Square Deals. Those present were: Chairman Tony Coons, Jacquie Brewer, Chris Bass, Barbara Salzman, Courtney Carpio, Angie Whitaker, David Gardner, Beka Connelly, John Ebeling, Amy Siler, and Secretary Carol Jones.

Pastor Chris Bass gave the prayer, which was followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

Tony gave a report on the 3MT meeting which was held January 25. The dates for 3MT to be in Versailles will be June 16 – 23, 2018, with the actual work date to be Monday through Friday, June 18-22. Lunches will be at different host churches each day. One person will be needed to organize the suppers which will be held in California each evening. Food and money will be required for the meals. Tony mentioned that it had been suggested Scott Lake be contacted about the Methodist Church hosting and the youth participating. Cost for each youth will probably be at least \$85.00 this year. There will be a dinner and silent auction on April 21 at Main Street Baptist Church in California to make money for the project. Amy Siler volunteered to attend a meeting February 22.

It was noted that 3MT gives \$1000.00 in scholarship money to the host church, which will be California. Tony reported that more chaperones will be needed this year. Chris Bass offered to help with screening.

Tony gave a rundown on the Strategic Plan for the year.

Versailles Bricks will be a part of it. Research will be needed, plus clearing & cleaning. It was hoped Jason Vansell's Sons and Daughters of History Club would participate in this. Carol Jones volunteered to represent the Morgan County Historical Society and offered to check the records for information on brick sidewalks.

Having a walking tour of historic homes and buildings was also suggested as something the high school group might do. Carol Jones stated the museum had information from a previous walking tour that was taken several years ago. Apparently Jason Vansell and Principal Chris Marshall both want to see the students doing community service projects such as Community Helping Hands.

Recruiting members is important. Everyone needs to try to get more people involved.

Sub-committees will be needed. 3MT would require a sub-committee. It was felt having a member from each host church would be advisable. Amy offered to represent the Christian Church and Beka offered to represent the Assembly of God Church.

Every Door Direct Mail can be utilized. Tony suggested having North Monroe Street as the main focus the first time, since this is the street many people come down when entering town. A mass mailing is about 17 cents per household. Going door-to-door and asking what the families need was suggested.

Tony reported that the city-wide clean-up will be in April and they didn't feel they could afford to do a second one in late September before the Apple Festival. Before that date it is important to notify the scrappers, so they can salvage items.

Having holiday decorating contests was discussed. Apple Festival and Christmas would be two times of year to plan contests. Tony recommended a small entry fee to pay for materials, with winners being chosen and publicized and displayed. He thought the 4 foot tall wooden apples could be collected and used the following year. It was mentioned the high school shop class might be able to cut the apples.

It was also suggested having a competition among the businesses for window decoration for various holidays and events. It was thought the green house might be able to provide flowers at a specific price for different occasions.

Amy Siler moved and Beka seconded to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried.

Courtney Carpio moved to adjourn and Jacquie Brewer seconded.

The next meeting will be March 5.