

Residential Beautification Committee

October 24, 2017 Minutes

Members of the Versailles Community Betterment Residential Beautification Committee met October 24, 2017 at the Versailles Rural Fire Station. Those in attendance were: Tony Coons, Rebekah Connelly, Amy Siler, Jacquie Brewer, Charlie Stephens, Courtney Carpio, Angee Whitaker, and Carol Jones

Chairman Tony Coons called the meeting to order. He introduced Rebekah Connelly, a new member. Amy Siler moved to approve the minutes of the September meeting as written. Courtney Carpio seconded and the motion carried.

The strategic planning worksheet was discussed. Various possible projects were discussed such as uncovering the old brick sidewalks. Someone suggested getting the high school history club, the Sons and Daughters of History, to research where the sidewalks are located. Another possible project was mentioned by Amy Siler --Community Helping Hands -- for spring through August activities. This would be similar to 3MT, but on a much smaller scale. An Apple Seeds contest was suggested for September. Citizens would decorate three foot tall apples to display in their yards and also apple wreaths to go on the doors. Prizes would be award. A Christmas tree decorating contest was also suggested. Several people thought block parties would be an excellent idea and a way to create friendly neighbors in an area. Someone recommended producing a welcome packet to be handed out to newcomers to the community to familiarize them with what is available in the community. It was also suggested that all houses have visible house numbers. It was mentioned that the VCB website doesn't have any pictures on it. It is possible that each committee can create a section to be placed on the website.

Tony Coons discussed things to include in the Mission Statement, such as requiring a written contract for all work to be done. It was brought up by Jacquie Brewer that VCB will carry secondary insurance, but the volunteers' insurance will be primary. There was much discussion regarding the difference between a Mission Statement and a logo. Courtney Carpio moved to accept the Mission Statement as presented. It died for lack of a second.

Chairman Coons suggested having thank you cards printed to send to people improving their property. Jacquie said Wright Printing was working on something for Youth Services. The general consensus of the members was that they preferred hand-written thank you notes. Rebekah volunteered to send out thank-yous. Tony advised her the city crew needs one for their hard work cleaning up around town.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 6, at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,