

Lake Monticello Beautification Corps
Minutes of the General Meeting
March 1, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by President Kathy Seroskie. Officers present were: Kathy, Vice-President Bill Alderman, Vice-President for Special Projects Ray Rehm, and Treasurer Tom White.

Kathy thanked Barbara Totaro, Carol Tracy, Betty Nieves, and Marge Christofferson for the morning refreshments, and welcomed visitor Connie Damkot.

By unanimous consent, the members waived the reading of the December 7, 2009 minutes.

Treasurer's report: LMBC began the year with a balance of \$16,396.05. As of March 1, after expenditures of \$1,292.17 and income of \$643.00, our balance was \$15,746.88. (A copy of the Treasurer's Financial Spreadsheet is attached to the minutes.)

Membership chair Barbara Ritter had no report.

Sunshine correspondent's report: Sue Slenker reported that she had sent condolences to the family of former member Katherine Rathbone, who passed away on February 11.

Vice-President for Projects's report: LMOA has given LMBC \$17,500 for 2010 projects. Ray explained that this money is "use or lose" for 2010. Monticello Mulch has been awarded the contract for spring clean-up. The Beach 4 project must be revisited and contracts for it re-bid after the Building, Grounds, and Roads Committee assesses storm damage at the site.

LMBC work parties must also be revised after we assess damage around the community. Ray announced that the work party of March 8 would be devoted to assessments and to cleaning up around the clubhouse. He urged members to report damage they discovered to him. He also noted that we have lost 2 trees on Turkeysag Trail.

We are still involved in repairing damage to lawns which occurred during the Holiday House Tour. Ray expects these problems to be resolved soon.

Old Business:

Bill reported that Jerry Barone would chair the Rt 618 clean-up committee as of June, 2010. Frits Geurtsen will oversee the clean-up of April 1. Jean Murphy has tentatively agreed to serve as chairwoman of the Holiday House Tour; Irma Forger has agreed to assist the committee chair. Connie Dombrowski will oversee the pots at the Pro Shop; Bonnie Rehm has tentatively agreed to assist. Judy Haaxma will handle the pots at the Clubhouse.

Judy White discussed options for creating an LMBC website. Members discussed the possibilities for content and use of a new website. Judy asked for volunteers to form a committee to help her with the initial format and design. Kathy Seroskie, Barbara Senig, and Jane Reuss will help. Bill reminded us that we passed a resolution last summer setting some parameters for this project.

Connie requested members who discovered errors in the Directory white pages to report them to her. Kathy announced that the Direccory committee would meet March 3.

After a brief discussion, it was unanimously decided to re-set the date for the Spring Garden Tour to June 12. The change was made because of severe storm damage to the Lake.

New Business:

Wayne Murphy, on behalf of the Golf Committee, asked LMBC members to volunteer to help clean up the golf course for the upcoming Faulkner Tourament in April. Volunteer participation in routine clean-up will allow regular maintenance crews to ready sand traps, tees, et cet. Grateful golfers would be happy to reciprocate by helping LMBC with its projects. Volunteer clean-up is scheduled for Monday, April 12, 11:00am-1:00pm.

Jean Murphy read a note from the Stan and Betty Tokarz, who hosted one of our Holiday Tour homes in December, expressing their pleasure at being involved and their appreciation of our gift (a commemorative plate made by Mike Harrison) to them.

Members selected the date of December 4, 2010 for the next Holiday House Tour, assuming that arrangements with LMOA can be made.

John Platt noted that LMOA has created two depositories for homeowners needing to dispose of damaged tree limbs—at Tufton Pond and Bunker Road ballpark. Ground chips will be available to LMOA members on a first-come, first-serve basis. Contractors will be working to clear easements and roads. Homeowners are responsible for their own yards.

Ron Ritter will discuss pruning at the Newcomers meeting of March 14.

The next Executive Board meeting will take place Wednesday, March 17 at 3:00pm.

The next General Meeting will be held Monday, April 5 (Easter Monday).

The meeting adjourned at 10:50am.

Jane Reuss
Secretary pro tem

