

Marshalltown Trees Forever/Branching Out Committee
Tuesday, March 23, 2010
4:30 p.m.
Coliseum Blue Room

Members Present: G. Neven, L. Springer, J. Springer, G. Fulton, M. Dostal, J. McGehee

Others: G. Mason, MHS Government students

MHS government students were welcomed by the Committee.

I. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2010 MINUTES

Motion by Neven, second by McGehee to approve February minutes. Motion passed.

II. FINANCIAL REVIEW

Gary Mason presented the financial report. Contributions: \$1500 Alliant grant and \$1220 from fundraising. Motion by Dostal, second by L. Springer to approve the Financial Report. Motion passed. Gary Fulton has students working on certificates of appreciation for helpers and donors.

III. REVIEW OF TREE BIDS

Bids were sent to 8 nursery firms. 3 bids were returned:

Platts Inc., Waterloo--\$5166.08

Wood Duck Tree Farm, Panora--\$2,491.66

Earl May Nursery & Garden Center, Marshalltown--\$3,060.00

Motion by J. Springer, second from J. McGehee to accept the bid from Wood Duck Tree Farm. Motion passed.

It was discussed that a couple of trees could be planted in the down town area—not on planting day—but on another date.

IV. PLANNING SESSION FOR 2010 PROJECT

Gary Fulton will talk to the Boy Scouts for volunteers. He has two of his students signed up to help at Riverview.

V. PUBLICITY

A. Report to City Council—Gary gave report to council and accepted the Alliant check.

B. Radio Station—Gary Mason & Gary Fulton will visit with Chuck Carpenter at KDAO on April 29 regarding planting day.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

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Gary Fulton said that the Marshalltown Development Foundation contacted him wanting to know what Trees Forever did. They would be interested in having trees planted in the downtown area including parking lots and asked that Trees Forever keep this in mind for next year.

Gary Mason, Janice and Lyle Springer will attend the Community Forestry Awards Luncheon on Tuesday April 6th in Des Moines.

Next meeting April 27 at the Coliseum Blue Room. Meeting adjourned.

Janice Springer, Secretary