

Gretna Arbor Society
Tuesday, April 12, 2022, Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Jim Keepers, Angie Lauritsen, Amy Nakai, Missy Ragatz, Jerry Imig, Dave Kovar, Marshall Jaros, John Wolken.

Guests Kara Alexander, City Council, Dan Hansen, local resident.

Meeting was held in Gretna Main Public Library Conference room.

Prior to the meeting we judged the posters submitted for the contest by Gretna Elementary students.

Meeting called to order at 6:59 p.m. by Jim Keepers. Minutes of March 8, 2022 meeting were approved.

Jim reported on his inquiry regarding adding a new member. The city feels that for now, eight members is enough, and we will keep membership at that number.

The Poster Contest awards presentation is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 28th at Thomas Elementary. We have 7 sponsors: one for each Elementary School in the district. Jim will obtain the gift certificates; Missy will create a PPT for the winners to be showed during the program.

Arbor Day Celebration for April 29, 2022, at 2:15 will be at the new Harvest Hills Elementary School at 192nd and Schram Road. Mayor Mike Evans will read the Arbor Day Proclamation. We will honor past long time members Mary Gilligan and Marty White with Emeritus status and present them each a gift. After the program we will plant a Lefler Oak on the school grounds.

We will plant trees on April 30th at Leo Royal Park. The NRD grant application was approved, and 27 trees will be planted. Makovicka Physical Therapy will provide volunteers to help with planting.

We plan to participate in the Gretna Business Fair this spring downtown on June 11.

The city has asked the board to review the tree planting for the Gretna Crossing Park. We will work on this at next month's meeting.

Missy will represent us at the Earth Day celebration on April 23 at Elmwood Park.

The Great Plains Summer Field Day will be August 12th at Carol Joy Holling conference center near Ashland.

The Tree Giveaway date is September 24.

We have been selected for the Tree City USA and Growth awards. An event is scheduled in September.

The 5-year plan no update. We agreed to enter a float in the Gretna Days Parade.

The design for new Gretna Arbor Society t-shirts has been selected and an order placed.

Meeting Adjourned early at 7:41 p.m. due to approaching severe weather. Next meeting May 10, 2022

Respectfully, John Wolken, Secretary. May 4, 2022