

## Beautification Committee Meeting – Oct. 24,2018

Present: Don Huprich, Lorri Holly, Elaine Perrotta, Wendy Warren, Joyce Zimmer, Diane Simon, Diane Bell, RoseMarie DeCoste and Karen Lazar.

Unavailable: Gail Gray

Elaine Perrotta delivered, from the committee, a card and bouquet of roses to Tish Tucker to thank her for all her work on the beautification committee.

Permanent signage for the back gate has been ordered, per Don Huprich. A new panel also has been ordered and will add symmetry to the back gate(exit).

As the weather gets a bit cooler, flowers will be planted in the pots at the cart barn. Everyone likes the color combinations of the flowers at the fountain.

Wendy brought up a discussion about the lighting of the pots at the fountain. Per Don this was the best option. Wendy also mentioned the large pots at the entrance at Worthington. It might be nice to consider this when we discuss improving the look at the front gate.

Regarding the patio, Wendy has the design for the patio that was done by the designer. We can use this as a model when we discuss ideas to enhance the patio area. Diane Bell suggested that we use perennials, especially along the wall of the grill room. Wendy will provide Elaine a copy of this design.

Don feels we are gaining our momentum back since Hurricane Irma. We are in the process of privatizing our community and we will continue to see improvements throughout.

Christmas decorating is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 14 and Thursday, Nov.15.The blue tree near the back gate will again be done and lit . Elaine would like to see something at the base of this tree. White poinsettias were suggested and the group thought this would be attractive, if we are able to get the white ones.

We will be replacing 40 feet of garland at the guard house. Don will investigate possible suppliers and Elaine will speak with Ruth Miller, who may know of a company that supplies garland. We want to get a good quality garland with a decent width and thickness. It was suggested that the garland be extended at the guard house to include the side entrance area.

Discussion of the placement of the holispheres ended with all agreeing to keep them in the same place as last year- at the west side of the patio.

Lamp posts near the fountain will be decorated this year. Suggestions were made to add poinsettias among the flowers at the fountain and also consider putting them in the area where the flags stand.

The artificial Christmas tree will be placed in the same area on the patio. Diane Simon, Joyce Zimmer and Karen will work on this project on Thursday, Nov. 15. There are at least 12 large bows that need replaced for the large wreaths. Elaine will speak with Pat Carroll about making a few and then look into getting these made at Michaels. The topiary trees that were purchased last year will again be placed at the outside entrance of the dining room.

We hope to improve the musical aspect of the Christmas tree lighting ceremony. Rick Moore will discuss with Elaine the possibility of someone singing. Nothing definite has been decided.

A suggestion was made to have reserved tables for this event. Lorrie will discuss with Bill Berg.

Lorrie has met with Bill Berg and everything is planned for the buffet. Tables will be lit and the outside bar will be open. Piped music will be provided to add that extra "cheer".

Karen