

Gretna Arbor Society
Tuesday, March 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Board Members: Missy Ragatz, Carrol Murray, Dave Kovar, Jim Keepers, Jerry Imig, John Wolken; Gretna City Maintenance director Travis Bettenhausen

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Jim Keepers. Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

The Gretna Community Expo (Business Fair) is scheduled for March 16th. We will have a large display with two tables. We have 320 bookmarks and packs of seeds to give away.

Public meetings regarding development at the Fields of Gretna were held recently. Planning ideas include a possible water park, Disc Golf and arboretum. The city is also discussing a revitalization of the downtown area.

Missy has answered teachers' questions on the Poster Contest; all schools are on target to have entries. We will judge the posters on April 6, 6:00 p.m., prior to the regular monthly meeting at the library.

The 14th Annual Gretna Tree Talk is April 13, 2019 at Thomas Elementary. We will use the schools video monitors and not rent a screen or use a projector. We will purchase 10 copies of the Garden Journal published by the extension office for door prizes. There will also be one tree from Great Plains Nursery to award.

Arbor Day, April 26th, Mayor Timmerman will participate. A poem contest is part of the program.

The annual tree giveaway is scheduled for Saturday, September 7th.

Bills paid include posters, printing and crayons to hand out at the Expo. Total \$372.27. Membership in the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum was renewed.

We do not yet have a replacement for our open position (Marty) Jim is contacting GFBLA to see if one of our youth would be interested in membership or assisting in tree planting events.

A date for the Tree City USA awards is not yet available.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:42p.m. Next meeting April 9, 2019

Respectfully, John Wolken, Secretary. April 2, 2019.