

Gretna Arbor Society  
Tuesday, January 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Board Members: Jim Keepers, Amy Nakai, Missy Ragatz, Angie Lauritsen, Jerry Imig, Dave Kovar, John Wolken, Marshal Jaros. Guest; Gretna City Council Member Kara Alexander

Meeting was held in Gretna City Hall Lower Level.

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Jim Keepers. Minutes of November 9, 2021 meeting were approved.

Election of Officers for 2022; Jim Keepers will be president, John Wolken, Secretary.

Missy Ragatz passed the Certified Arborist Exam, congratulations from all!

Several members are planning to attend the Great Plains Conference next week in Lincoln. No date has been set for the summer conference as of this time.

We have checks from all sponsors for the poster contest. Missy is designing the flyer and logos for the program. We discussed and settled on increasing the award amounts to \$30, \$25, and \$20 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place respectively. The overall Grand Prize will be \$30. The Poem contest winner will receive \$25. The awards presentation is scheduled for Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at Thomas Elementary.

Amy is working on the application for the NRD tree grant. Due to upcoming construction projects in Leo Royal Park, she will contact Travis regarding the best locations for the trees.

The Annual Tree Talk will be in March, date TBD. Jim has three speakers scheduled.

Gretna Business Fair, no date set as of this time.

Poster Contest judging will be April 12<sup>th</sup>, prior to the regular monthly meeting. The deadline for poster submissions is April 8.

Arbor Day Celebration for April 29, 2022 will be at the new Harvest Hills Elementary School at 192<sup>nd</sup> and Schram Road.

We agreed to use budget funds for a membership in the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum.

Makovicka Physical Therapy wants to work on planting trees for community members in 'Old Gretna', using funding they will provide.

No news on the Gretna Crossing Park Committees.

We discussed the Tree Giveaway for late summer and the quantity of trees we plan to offer. No decision as of this date.

We will take a look at long term plans and a possible survey in the future.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Next meeting February 9, 2022

Respectfully, John Wolken, Secretary. February 2, 2022

