

Town of Farragut—Arts and Beautification Committee

March 20, 2023

Members Present: Michele Barker, Lisa Hall, Mayor Williams, Marianne McGill, Diane Duncan, T.C. Williams, Sue-Ann Hansler, Annie Judkins, Joyce Moran, Dora Taggart, Abhikhya Gudala, and Marty Rodgers

Absent: None

Town of Farragut Staff: Arleen Higginbotham and Merritt Piper

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 AM by Annie Judkins. The February minutes were distributed to the members. TC Williams moved the minutes be approved and Sue-Ann Hansler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Arleen discussed the beautification awards and asked that committee members submit pictures of any local businesses that fit the category and should be considered. Staff will take pictures from May 1-12th and the final judging for each category will be held on May 15th.

Continued discussions were had about the art and flower show. Merritt gave a summary of the 2014 show stating that there were 100 art submissions and 30 floral arrangements. Art was submitted in Jan for the May show and entry fees were \$15 each for the first two pieces with a maximum of 5 pieces allowed per person. The shows were open to all local artists in the Knoxville area, but only nonprofessional artists were allowed to participate for the judging. Participants are permitted to disclose a sales price for the art or flowers so attendees can purchase. Committee will not be involved in any sales and would only make the initial connection of interest. Merritt will make a slide show with information and pictures of the prior event for the April meeting. Diane then gave an update and said that the Lenoir City Garden Club is interested in participating but would like someone to come and discuss at a future Garden club meeting. Diane and Michelle will set up the meeting time with the garden club in the next two to three months and present information back to the committee on their findings.

Discussions continued and it was agreed that the event will have the following:

- Student section as well as adult section.
- Deadline will be Jan 2024 to turn in a picture of the art so that can be supplied to the garden club for flower selection and ordering.
- Up to 100 art submissions (limit of 5 per person) and 30 floral submissions.
- Undecided about entrance fee for submissions. Will discuss at April meeting.
- Merritt will begin to recruit judges for both floral and art.

Michelle mentioned the need to buy plants for the outside decoration. A discussion ensued about the remaining budget and what has been submitted as a budget for 2024.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:18pm through a motion by Joyce and seconded by Marianne McGill.

Respectfully submitted,
Dora Taggart
Secretary

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 17, 2023