

Town of Farragut—Arts and Beautification Committee (ABC)
October 17, 2022

Members Present: Annie Judkins, Michelle Morrow, Abhikhya Gudala, Marianne McGill, Michele Barker, Lisa Hall, TC Williams, Dora Taggart, Diane Duncan, Sue-Ann Hansler

Absent: Joyce Moran, Marty Rodgers, Wendy Stiles

Town of Farragut Staff: Arleen Higginbotham, Merritt Piper, Mayor Williams

The meeting was called to order at 11:29 AM by Annie Judkins. The August minutes were distributed to the members. Mayor Williams moved the minutes be approved. Dora Taggart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The floor was opened for comments on the recent Art Festival. Annie suggested that some of the booths needed more volunteers. Mayor Williams agreed and added that more table space and step stools were also needed. Diane commented on the need for additional prep time to set up the booths and Mayor Williams added that some additional training in advance would be helpful. The committee agreed.

Annie then led the discussion to the upcoming Freaky Friday event. Arleen mentioned that more volunteers were needed for the cookie decorating portion. Merritt added that there are lots of volunteers for candy and some people may be willing to shift groups. Dora volunteered that she and her husband will make the move. Arleen and Merritt recommended that everyone try to arrive by 4:15 to get parked and organized.

Merritt presented a power point about the upcoming Celebrate the Season event. It will be held at the community center on December 1, 2022 from 4:30 to 7pm. A summary was shown of the events held during the 2021 season and the committee decided to replicate the events except for face painting. Mayor Williams recommended reaching out to the high school rotary/rotaract clubs from Farragut and Hardin Valley as they are looking for projects in which to participate. Michele Barker made a motion and it was seconded by Marianne McGill. Motion carried.

Landscaping of the exterior was brought up by Annie and Arleen shared that bids are still not finalized. One of the bids needs additional accuracy checks to be sure that the low pricing is correct. The shrubs to be installed are still awaiting this finalization. However, winter decoration of the front planters can be started. A mini committee consisting of Michele Barker (chair), Marianne, Lisa and Sue-Ann was formed. They will email and establish a date to meet and do the winter décor.

The final discussion was regarding the Town Hall Décor to be performed on Nov 18 at 9am by committee members. During the event, committee members will go through old décor and remove/replace and update as needed. The November meeting will immediately follow the decorating event. Assignment of stations for the Celebrate the Season event will be given out at the committee meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:09 pm through a motion by Marianne McGill and seconded by Michele Barker.

Respectfully submitted,
Dora Taggart, Secretary

The next meeting will be held on Friday, November 18, 2022.