

Dreamacres Committee Meeting Minutes – Thursday, February 24, 2005

Attendance

Karen Brock, Marius deBruyn, Mona Garde, Maggie Linton, Sharon O'Donnell, Daniele Schaad, Kim Stangl and Virginia Mullin

Absent

Helen Conlon and Jane Thompson

Contribution Count for this meeting

Meeting Hours	2 hrs x 7.....	14
Professional Meeting Hours	2 hrs x 1.....	2

Treasurer's Report

Danielle confirmed Dreamacres Revenue as follows:

Balance	\$4300.00
Council	1500.00
Evergreen Grant	2000.00
	\$7800.00

Machinery, Hydra Seeding & Wetland Projects Next Steps

Maggie reviewed discussions she has had with a few owners of home-building companies, in an effort to secure equipment/manpower to excavate the wetland area. Maggie has secured a donation of equipment and manpower from Tony Falkirk (at the request of Christopher of Invidiata Homes) – with two weeks notice; Tony will make his team available!

Marius outlined the various steps involved in moving forward:

1. Excavation/shaping of area (excavation by Tony Falkirk – Maggie)
2. Ground preparation & addition of soil (soil – ?)
3. Irrigation & water stations (Bethlehem Trenching – Maggie; irrigation – Karen's contact?)
4. Planting (whips – ?; trees/bushes – funded by Evergreen)
5. Woodchip pathways (woodchips – Davey Trees)
6. Fence (post holes by City – Maggie; cedar poles from Milton Co-op – Kim; Sheep fencing, gates & U nails – Karen)
7. Terra seeding (Hornby Terra Seeding & Ontario Seed Company – Marius)

Note: Marius will confirm length of fencing required and size of seeding/planting area.

Discussed the need for Student involvement with this area and the importance of protecting the area inside the fences – public awareness is key – perhaps the students could make ribbons/posters to decorate the fence; create of outdoor awareness signage “Please don't walk on the Grass”, “No Dogs” signs; plantings...

Agreed, all of us need to explore as many connections we have to secure materials!!

Memory Stones

Marius is proofing existing orders. Once work is complete stones will be needed for: Christopher of Invidiata Homes; Tony Falkirk and any other suppliers

Mural Discs

Discs need to be sealed, (once we can work outdoors), and then mounted.

Dreamacres Albums

Karen presented the Dreamacres photo albums. Kim, an avid Scrapbooker, volunteered to chronicle our progress, with the history supplied by past Dreamacres Newsletters, our book etc.

Thank You Notes

A thank you note and layout was circulated and approved. Agreed Virginia will send the notes to:

- Home Depot + Mural Disc photos* (for the discs) *parent authorization needed for photographed students
- Jean Richard, Forestry, Town of Oakville (for the logs)

Logo

Further discussion is needed regarding creating an image (perhaps a tulip tree, a student illustration and our phrase) which could be used as a logo, recognition pin (sell for fundraising?)

Recognition of Ruth Borst

Date to be confirmed...

Spring Dig-In

Agreed we need to start planning for a Spring Dig-In, possibly near the International School Grounds Day of May 1st? Date to be confirmed...

Contribution Count Summary

description	tally for this mtg	total hrs to date
Meeting Hours	(Feb) 14	54
Maggie Linton	(other than mtg for Feb) tbc	24
Dig-In Volunteer	48 hrs X 7	336
Weeding, Watering & Woodchips	3 hrs X 6	18..... 432
Professional Meeting Hours	(Feb) 2	6
Dig-In Professional Hours	48 hrs X1	48..... 54
Man Hours (in kind)	person hrs	X.....X

Next Meetings

Thursday, March 31st at 7:00 pm in the school library.

“Dreamacres – L’essentiel est invisible pour les yeux.”