

Palmer Arboretum - Minutes

Regular Meeting - February 13, 2020

1. **Call to order** - Meeting called to order at 6pm
2. **Attendance** - Nancy Adams, Andrea Krofina, Jean Rocheleau, Chad Hart
Excused Absence: Philippa Paquette, Bill Brower
3. **Approval of the Minutes** - Nancy Adams, Andy Krofina
4. **Treasurer's Report** - Regular Budget - \$722.23 - monies set aside for Mitch and possibly the purchase of tools. Friends' Budget - \$1,848.00 spent; remaining balance \$4,120.21; New Arboretum sign has been purchased (\$352.23). New post for Historical/ Arboretum sign needs to be replaced. Looking to do 4x4 treated post versus the 3x3 presently there. Jean will check with Christine French at Town Hall regarding replacing existing post at the expense of the Arboretum. Chad volunteered to accomplish this.
5. **New Business:**
 - a. Drainage problem will not fully be addressed tonight. It is clear that the goal of addressing this issue will be to maintain the integrity of the rain garden while ensuring the prevention of further erosion in the Arboretum during the upcoming year. Some of the spring volunteer work days will focus on cleaning out the leaves from the rain garden's basin, removing rip/rap from around drains, removing dirt from rip/rap area and replacing rip/rap around the drains. Future discussion will address the run off from the driveway.
 - b. South entrance where tarps are need grasses and ground cover. The following ground cover possibilities were discussed: Golden Ragwort, Vanconceria hexandra, Globularia cordifolia, Kerria, Loniera crassifolia (looks like a sedum). Other possible options were discussed to rectify the wash out from sentiment: hostas, ferns (painted, ostrich, etc.) More discussion for March meeting and at the April meeting the list will be finalized.
 - c. Information box has contracted during the winter and magnetic latch no longer works causing the door to remain open during the winter. Another type of closing mechanism will be installed in the future. The roof shingles are drying out and need to be treated with linseed oil. Nancy will take care of this.
 - d. Nancy sent mid-year grant report to Connecticut Master Gardener Association noting that 25 plant identification plaques along with 50 stakes to mount ID's have been ordered.
 - e. Purchase of Foam Flowers for the North entrance slope to be made in April.
 - f. The South entrance sign needs new posts.
 - g. Nancy working on old sign.

6. Meeting Adjourned at 7:10pm. Next Meeting – March 12, 2020 @ 6:00 pm – Room A

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Krofina and Nancy Adams