

Palmer Arboretum Minutes  
September 26,2019

Present: B.Brower, P.Paquette, N.Adams, J.Rocheleau, A.Krofina

Absent excused: C.Hart

1.Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Secretary's Report-Minutes of the Meeting of August 22,2019

Motion:(Krofina/Brower)to approve the Minutes of August 22,2019. All in favor

3. Treasurer's Report: Regular Fund Balance : \$3,520.94

Expenses: \$1,479.6. Mowing, Arboretum T-shirts, Two Hula Hoes, Gifts to student weederers.

Friends Fund Balance: \$4,229.76

Expenses: Bridge: \$3,500, Trees: \$457, Day lilies \$85.25

Master Gardener Grant: Garden Gate will make the plaques for \$5.00/apiece and the angled posts will be \$3.00/apiece. the grant will cover 43 signs and a Motion was made (Krofina/Brower) to spend \$256 for an additional 32 signs. These will be used initially to identify Hostas , shade garden plants and Day Lilies. The plaque will carry both the common and latin names of the plant. The fall clean up should occur before the signs are put in place. Jean has the list of shade garden plants and Hosta and will give them to Garden Gate. Nancy will take photographs of some of them in position and send them to The Master Naturalist coordinator.

Jean reported on the plaque for the new bridge. It will recognize both the Putnam Rotary Club and the Woodstock Recreation Committee for their donations and will be mounted on a stone near the bridge. Jean will take a photo of it when it is mounted and send it to the two donors.

4.Volunteer hours: 16.5

5. Tasks at Arboretum: Many thanks to Chad for planting the trees in the wetland and for taking down the two damaged trees. Bill has a friend who may be willing to saw up and remove the large pieces of the trunk.

Scheduled work day is Saturday September 28, 9-12 for adults.: 2-3:30 for Pomfret students.

Tasks :Weeding ; particularly under the willow and digging up the docks in the wetland.

Remove mulch from parking lot

Pull brush up to parking lot

Cut out and remove the Eunonymous

Bill suggested that the Committee needs to invest in a garden maintenance company for regular weeding throughout the year. He will explore the option with "Down to Earth".

Jean distributed the Arboretum T-shirts.

Motion to Adjourn at 7:15 (Krofina/Paquette)

Respectfully submitted by Philippa Paquette