

## PALMER ARBORETUM MINUTES

September 12, 2018

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order at 7:10
2. Attendance: Bill Brower, Jean Rocheleau, Linda Kaplan, Philippa Paquette, Andy Krotina, Chad Hart, Danielle Payne  
Absent excused: Judith Gries
3. Approval of August minutes: Motion Krotina/ Rocheleau, all in favor. Linda Kaplan abstained.
4. Treasurer's Report: \$6,000 remains in the regular budget. Friends of the Arboretum has \$4,000. Fund Raiser letter raised \$2030.
5. Old Business
  - a) Weeds need to be removed in July and August before they go to seed. Terrific weeding was achieved by committee members last week. Perhaps it would be possible to arrange a regular weekly or biweekly weeding date with lunch afterwards from Sweet Evalinas.
  - b) The signs should be ready next week. Jean requested that there should be only two screws in the middle of the sign to reduce possibility of rot on the box.
  - c) Eagle Scout project is finished with publicity in the local papers.
  - d) Jean has agreed to be the Treasurer.
  - e) The Town Hall staff have collected money for the Memorial Tree for Mike Albert's mother.
  - f) Linda cannot access the Facebook Page at this time to update it. She needs the code from Danielle and Bill needs to remove himself as Editor. Linda and Danielle and Bill will work this out. The Arboretum is also on the Woodstock Town website and Linda said that the Garden Club Facebook and Website are connected so that exposure is increased. Bill noted that the Town does not want the Arboretum to have a separate web site but someone from the Town Hall enters Arboretum information. He will find out who that now will be since Julie left and let Linda know. There may be a charge attached to having a web site.
6. New Business
  - a) The Rotary still intends to donate and plant 5 trees, hopefully this will happen before the end of the month. There is a heptacodium at Sprucedale that Jean saw today for \$179. Chad will pick this up and arrange for the planting to the north of the crab apple tree at the head of the arboretum. Dennis Panu's family is planning a memorial gathering and Chad will coordinate this.
  - b) Welland: WA students are coming to work after school on October 5. They will be able to mulch the area with newspapers, cardboard etc.  
Jean will go to Mackey's and buy 2 Lowbush blueberries, 2 Maple leaf Viburnams and 2 Witch Hazels. We will plant these before October 5.
  - c) Jean asked John Navarro to cut up the 2 fallen trees and the students can move the logs on October 5. Bill is very concerned that any large equipment would destroy the new grass. The remaining trunk of the Tulip tree will need to be removed as it is dangerous.
  - d) Jean read the wording for a 7 inch square ad. to be placed in the Shoppers Guide in both Woodstock and Killingly to state that the Arboretum will be open for self guided tours for Walktober. The cost is \$92.  
Motion to place the ad. as written Krotina/ Payne all in favor.
  - e) see c)
  - f) Spring bulbs. Bill will place an order with Van Engelen for 1,000 assorted crocus bulbs to plant on the hillside above the spring.
  - g) Chores list will be addressed at the next meeting
- 7 Motion to adjourn 8:20 Krotina/Brower all in favor.