

Palmer Arboretum Minutes

Special Meeting, April 15, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

Present: Philippa Paquette, Andy Krofina, Sara Dziedzic . Absent excused : Jessie White
Absent: Chad Hart

Treasurer's Report: Fund 10 Balance: \$4,285.05 Friends Balance: \$2,862.48

After allowing for future mowing expenses, \$4,000 must be spent on tree work before June 30, 2021.

Andy will contact Chad to speak to Bill Rathbone about cutting up and removing the fallen tree in the back corner of the Arboretum. Additional funds will go for trees and bushes for the swamp area such as blueberries, swamp azaleas and button bushes.

Celebrate Spring :

Publicity: Andy displayed the beautiful banners from Chase Graphics. She will mount them on metal stakes at the beginning of May. Sara has already begun to post advance notice of the event on social media and will continue to do this on a weekly basis. The fliers will be distributed next week and in May. The email notice will go out the first week of May. Sara and Philippa will approach Gary O to announce the event on WINY the second week of May. Philippa has already given the information to the LGV to include in their calendar of spring events. Sara will contact Mr Toth to have this included in the school calendar.

Materials: Andy is working on the Scavenger Hunt papers. We are all collecting plastic milk bottles for the bird feeders. Jessie has volunteered to pick up the paints and brushes to decorate the feeders and Andy will get the dowels. We will meet for a work session to cut the bottles so that they are ready to be painted. We need about a dozen volunteers to help direct, supervise, register, etc. Philippa has given the date to Marc Moseley for the Lions Club and Sara will contact students at WA.

Meeting with Jay Swan.

Andy and Philippa met with Jay Swan on April 7. He does recognize that the Palmer Arboretum is a Town Park and has visited it and enjoyed it. He listened to all our concerns and appeared very receptive. We discussed the restrictions of the budget on tree care, emergency help if there is major damage, increased help from the Town crew with regular maintenance. Jay gave us approval for the Celebrate Spring Festival, a possible temporary sculpture display, a permanent mural sign. He volunteered to advertise the Celebrate Spring on the Town web site. He applauded any efforts we can make to solicit donations on a regular basis as the budget funds are always stretched tightly.

Philippa has picked up the sticks at the Arboretum so that the grass is clear to mow when Mitch starts. Mitch had expressed concern that there were too many sticks to mow safely.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40
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