

Minutes Palmer Arboretum October 27 2022

ZOOM meeting recorded.

Present; Philippa Paquette, Rachael Budd, Sara Dziedzic : Absent excused, Jessie White

No citizen participation

Treasurer's report: \$3,435.98 in regular budget \$8007.48 Friends of the Arboretum
Rachael still has to submit her expenses for the Fall Festival and deposit a check from the Art Show.

There is enough money to hire workers to complete the fall clean up that the students cannot finish. We need to clear with the Town Hall that we need to hire workers for the summer.

FamilyFall Festival and LGV walks.

The people who came had a great time: Family of 6 for Fall Festival and 4, 8 and 12 for LGV walks. BUT... Besides caring for the trees, what is our mission? We decided we want to inform local residents we exist and provide reasons for them to visit. The Arboretum was founded to promote education, recreation and relaxation. We need to target our audiences, provide specific information about activities and know who is coming. We will use students for volunteer help but spend more money on hiring maintenance workers especially during the summer.

Target groups : Scout groups —Philippa
Mom's Club—Rachael
LIR—Rachael
Home schoolers-Philippa
Northwood—Sara

Activities: Nature walks and activities
Letter boxing
Art in the Arboretum

Work group: Sara has a group of 20-30 students coming on Tuesday at 2:30. Rachael and Philippa will try to be there and she will come down at 3:00. List of work:

Rake leaves on to swamp area and dump at bottom of hill

Dig up hostas under yew tree and replant to the right of the hosta bed

If Philippa can get wood chips delivered the students can mulch all the trees that have been circled, circle away the turf around trees that have not been circled and mulch the beds.

This will be the last WA work group this year.

Philippa will write up a description of the Arboretum with possible activities that can be given to the target groups by the contacters. She will also contact Julian who has not sent in a report and has not shared a treatment plan for the diseased trees.

Meeting ended at 5:55

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