

Palmer Arboretum Committee Minutes
September 8, 2022

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm

Attendance: Sara Dziedzic, Rachael Budd, Philippa Paquette, Jessie White

Treasurer's Report: Friends Fund \$5,366.48

Regular Budget \$4,652

Additional money will be deposited from art sales.

Art Show: 10-12 people made appointments over the summer to visit the art show and two works were sold. Rachael will take it down on September 15 and does not need any additional help.

Last Green Valley ; Philippa will pick up the supplies from the LGV headquarters and will lead the two scheduled walks on October 5 and October 22, from 10-11 and welcomes company!

Rachael will check in with Woodstock Orchards for a cooperative Fall Fling on October 10, 10-12 am. We will offer a Fall Scavenger Hunt (Philippa) , a painting activity (Rachaelrocks or pumpkin/gourds) ((Philippa has the rocks , Jessie has the paints and brushes)) and a craft (??). Sara suggested something with corn husks ?

Rachael thinks she will have WA students to run this and it may include face painting . We will need to buy the paints.

Rachael will also ask her students to paint signs to direct people from Palmer Arboretum to Woodstock Orchards and vice versa. A painted banner advertising the event would be a plus !

Publicity: Sara will try to get on WINY and will post on social media and WINY community calendar. Philippa will contact the Town Hall to get it on the Recreation Site and our web site. She will also check that LGV has it scheduled. It's a go!

Julian's review. Philippa has not heard from him but will check the mail at the Town Hall. He has clearly outlined what we need to do to help our trees. We will prioritize his recommendations in our work list. Sara will check with the Town Hall about hiring workers next year to provide regular maintainance . We developed a prioritized list for our student work parties:

Dig out the rain garden around the drains

Remove the sod around major trees

Move the Hosta under the Yew and replant in the Hosta bed

Clear the weeds from Jessie's bank.

Weed the swamp

Weed the big hill beside the purple beech

Dates for work: WA will come on October 12 at some time and November 1 at 2:30

Pomfret Students are planning and could come on Thursday and Friday afternoons and some Saturdays. Anthony Foronda is the teacher and coordinator of their community service.

We will purchase some additional tools to remove the sod (Philippa) and Jessie will research the purchase of the Weeping Alaskan Cedar for the area opened by the fallen oak.

Philippa will warn the Lymans that we will be crossing some of their land to clear the diggings away from them .

Philippa has registered with a free woodchip dropping service to obtain free woodchips that will be delivered at some time beside the parking lot and we will need to drag them down to the swamp area where they can mature and become useful.
In November we will rake!