

Palmer Arboretum Minutes

March 10, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:05

Present: Philippa Paquette, Sara Sziedzic, Jessica White

Treasurer's report: The Arboretum received \$725 from the last donor solicitation letter. 5 people donated money and Marylou Davis donated the expense of removing the tree that had fallen on the fence and the cost of repairing the fence.

Current balance in budget is \$4,325.00

Friends Fund is \$3,802.48

Estimates for Oak removal: We have solicited three estimates for the removal of the oak tree.

Walter Operman \$4000

Jonathon Roy \$3,600

Stately Tree Service \$3,913.68

Committee decided to contract with Stately Tree Service . Philippa will check with them if the tree can provide wood for a bench. If so, Sara will go on Woodstock Proud to see if someone will volunteer to carve the bench. Philippa will meet with First Selectman to discuss this as it will empty the budget for treatment of the purple beech, mowing and removal of other sick and dead trees.

Philippa will call Julian and Mitch to find out what they will be charging this year and present these figures to the First Selectman.

The Celebrate Spring Festival will be held on June 5th 12:00-2:00

Philippa will write a letter to the LGV to apply for a grant to fund the expenses of the festival .

We will have bird feeder and rock painting workshops and plant plants in the swamp and bank areas. Sara will request a time on WINY radio to publicize this event. We will schedule a work day on June 4th 10-12 to prepare for this event.

The Art Show of the Arboretum at the Loos Center is still in the works. Sara will check with Eric and Rachel and let Philippa know when it will occur. The committee discussed that it must happen while the students are still in school but it would be good to have it coincide with some event that draws the public to the Loos center. Philippa will contact the NeCt Art league as soon as Sara and Eric have a date.

Work dates: Thursday May 19, 2:30

Saturday April 9 10:00

Saturday June 4, 10:00

LGV walks. May 21

May 25

Montessori visit May 27

Meeting was ended at 6:45 pm