

Palmer Arboretum Minutes
April 14 2022

Meeting called to order at 5:30

Present: Philippa Paquette, Sara Dziedzic, Jessy White . Absent excused: Rachel Budd

Welcomed Rachel in absentia to the committee and threatened her with all the dirty work!

Approved minutes of the March meeting (Sara/ Jessy) all in favor

Treasurer's Report. No change since the last meeting. Jay Swan and John Navarro are working with Stately Tree Service to remove the fallen oak and other dead trees in the Arboretum so it will not be billed to our budget.

Last Green Valley walks: We are on their calendar for May 21 and 25, 10:00-11:00. Philippa can lead them and Sara will join her for the Saturday walk. There is a work date on May 19 with students from WA that Sara and Rachel will lead.

Celebrate Spring. 2022. Philippa found the banner in the chest of drawers in the shed and will get some posts to hang it before the Woodstock Marathon on May 30 so there is some visibility.

Celebrate Spring June 4 12-2-00

Advertise on WINY and WINY Community Calendar...Sara

Flyers for event ...Sara will talk with Rachel and send her last year's flyer.

Jessie will contact Woodstock Elementary and Middle School to request distribution of flyer through the school.

Philippa will give LGV all the details of the event to put on their calendar.

Activities at the Celebrate Spring;

Paint bird feeders. Philippa has the feeders, Jessy has the paints and brushes.

Paint rocks Sara and Jessy will find the rocks.

Plant a tree to take home. Philippa is trying to start acorns! The squirrels stole the first batch!

Scavenger Hunt. Philippa has the cards from last year.

Artists in Arboretum? Rachel / Philippa will ask Elaine Turner if she and her friends would like to return and paint with friends .

Philippa will lead an Arboretum tour

Plant a plant in the Arboretum. Maybe a Garden Club helper.

Work at the Arboretum.

Pomfret School is coming on April 28 with about 14 students 9:30-12:00 for a work day and lunch. Philippa is available and Sara will drop by. They can dig up the skunk cabbage in the swamp and rake.

May 19: Sara is bringing WA students at 2:30 and they can rake and weed and dig more skunk cabbage and remove garlic mustard.

Work day for Celebrate Spring: June 4: 12:00-2:00 Sara will ask some students to help get ready for the Celebrate Spring Festival.

Philippa will contact Linda about her shade garden that needs weeding and plant identification.

Philippa will take photos of the swamp area and go to Sprucedale Nursery to get some advice about plants to place there. Sara will contact Jean Pillo for advice.

We need to think about trees that can match the climate change...paw paws?

Meeting ended at 6:30