

Palmer Arboretum Minutes

June 9, 2022

Present: Philippa Paquette, Sara Dziedzik, Rachael Budd. Absent Excused, Jessy White

Celebrate Spring Review: The publicity was extensive and should be repeated next year. New groups to contact : Mom's Club in Woodstock, (Katy Johnson) Little League, Boy Scouts (Vicky Embrie)

Keep the rock painting activity and tree planting.

Activities to explore to bring people to the Arboretum: Wine tasting ? yoga class (Invite Roseland park group to use the Arboretum for a session). Body by Design might hold a class there.

Fall Celebration with LGV. Perhaps schedule for October 10 and run in conjunction with Woodstock Orchards and the Pink House . Rachael will check with them.

Painting gourds and bird feeders.

Philippa will offer LGV walks mid week and on weekend during October.

Treasurer's report; we have enough money to hire some weeders during the summer. We can hire two or three weeders for three hours a week at \$15 /hour. Sara and Rachael will try to recruit students and were able to brain storm potential candidates. They will need to apply to the Town Hall so that they are legal and insured.

We will need to have an adult present at the Arboretum when they are working . We will schedule that at the next meeting.

There are two Master Gardener graduates who have approached us to complete their service hours. One came to the Celebrate Spring and is eager to get involved as a volunteer. Philippa will let them know when we establish work dates and times over the summer.

Sara has already scheduled WA Gives Back work dates for November 1, 2022 and May 18 2023. Go Sara!

Art Show. No artists have registered yet but the artists at Celebrate Spring indicated an intention to display. The Opening Reception will be on July 21, 5-7, with punch and cookies, if there is sufficient interest. Rachael will call it at the beginning of July. The registration page is on our web site.

Other business: Sara and Philippa met with Bill Brower before the committee meeting at the Arboretum. He pointed out some serious defects in the rain garden that are impacting the trees below it. He drew a sketch that demonstrates how the water should flow and seep and what areas need to be cleared. He also mentioned that Bet Zimmerman donated \$3,200 dollars for the upkeep of the rain garden and this money is in the funds of the Historical Society. Bill said there is a signed contract in the records that affirms this. Philippa will contact Jay Cantor and Jessy will check the financial records. This could cover the serious digging that needs to occur to restore the correct drainage levels.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15.

Next meeting on July 14, 2022

