

Palmer Arboretum
Minutes of November 12, 2020

Present: Paquette, Hart, Krofina, White.

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| Treasurer's Report: Regular Budget: YTD spending | \$1,584.95 | Bartlett Tree Experts: \$300 |
| | | Garden Markers : \$194.95 |
| | | DME Mowing : \$1,090.00 |
| (Pending DME Invoice of \$55.00) | | |
| Remaining Balance: | \$4,360 | |

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| Friends of the Arboretum Fund 22: YTD spending | \$7,743 | Driveway/Drainage Project |
| Woodstock Historical Society Donation for Driveway | \$6,000 | |
| Anonymous Donation for Shrubs and trees | \$1,500 | |
| Oak Tree Moulding Donation for the Bank plantings | \$ 500 | |
| Total deposits | \$8,000 | |
| Friends Balance | \$2,811,43 | |

NB. All donations must now be made payable to the "Town of Woodstock" with "Friends of Palmer Arboretum" in the memo line.

Committee discussed the future use of funds and agreed that a set amount should be allotted for mowing and another set amount should be used for tree care. We will search for a qualified arborist or tree person who will consult with us, especially with Chad, and do the work that the trees need. This individual will be paid for their work. We will set a priority list to spend whatever moneys we have assigned to the trees from our budget.

New Business: 30 students from WA carried brush and branches, raked and planted bulbs. Sara Dziedzik organised them and has volunteered to join the Committee. Committee will be thrilled to have her! The Rigney family will remove the piles of leaves that were left and dump them at the bottom of the Arboretum. The Committee decided that we will not ask Mitch to do any more than mow the grass and it will need only one more mowing before the winter. John Navarro will have the Town Crew remove the broken branches on the tree near the road. He has asked that branches for removal not be placed in a twisted pile as they cannot be fed into the chipper/chopper and will not be collected if piled like that. He suggested that it might be better to leave them at the bottom of the Arboretum to provide shelter for wild animals. Philippa will check with Martha Beckwith to see if this is OK with them. Sara Dziedzik will bring another group of students on Monday, November 16 and they will rake the beds and any other areas needing raking. Andy will be away at this time but Philippa will be there.

Andy will write a letter of thanks to the owners of Oak Tree Moulding for their donation and the Committee approved the letter for Jean.

Philippa will contact Larsons at Sprucedale Nursery to replace the dead flame bark maple near the south entrance. Jean has already spoken to him about this.

Chad will check the broken branches on the Dawn Redwood, the hazardous suspended branch near the yew trees and the broken weeping maple near the South entrance.

There will be no December meeting. We will meet again in January to plan the budget.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50

The recording of this meeting can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GMQ5ENrwqMo&feature=youtu.be>

Respectfully submitted,
Philippa Paquette, Secretary