

Christine French

From: Philippa Paquette <paquettepipa586@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 13, 2018 2:45 PM
To: Judy Walberg; Christine French
Subject: Arboretum Minutes. October 13,2018

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Philippa Paquette <paquettepipa586@gmail.com>
Date: October 13, 2018 at 9:19:47 AM EDT
To: Philippa Paquette <paquettepipa586@gmail.com>
Subject: **Second amended minutes**

PALMER ARBORETUM MINUTES

October 11, 2018

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order at 7:10
2. Attendance: Bill Brower, Jean Rocheleau, Judith Gries, Philippa Paquette, Nancy Adams

Absent: Andy Krofina, Marilyn Pomeroy, Chad Hart, Danielle Payne.

1. Approval of September Minutes : Added note that Nancy Adams was absent from this meeting because of early hibernation! Motion (Rocheleau/Paquette) All in favor, Gries and Adams abstained.
2. Treasurer's Report: There is \$4,662.37 in the regular budget.
3. Old Business :
 - a) The students who came from Pomfret School and The Woodstock Academy did a great job weeding, removing the branches and logs that Chad and Danielle had cut up and planting bulbs. Bill provided the committee with a calendar listing the optimal months for completing chores at the Arboretum.
 - b) The information signs are completed and ready to be installed.
 - c) Ben Young has agreed to repair the washed out path with more stone. Bill has called Scott's father to talk about the damage to the platform that Scott built and see how it can be repaired.
 - d) Position of chair person may be shared. Still up for discussion at next meeting.
 - e) Jean mentioned that Mike Albert's Assistant, Joni, had told her that she thought Mike would like to have a red bud planted at the Town Hall in honor of his mother, rather than in the Arboretum . She is not sure about this.
 - f)

Facebook: Danielle and Linda have communicated about Linda accessing the Facebook Page but Linda still does not have access to it. She has done a wonderful job for the Woodstock Garden Club Facebook page .

g) The Rotary trees will be very small so will not need water bags. Sprucedale will be asked to plant the Coral Bark Maple in front of the Arbovitae. The Weeping Willow has not been found yet.

h) The mulch and wood chips will be delivered in November and hopefully students from The Woodstock Academy will help to spread them. Judith has some Elephant Ears that would grow well in the damp area.

i) There are still about 250 crocus bulbs left to plant and Bill suggested putting them around the bench near Mary Lou's house. Nancy and Jean could work with students from Pomfret School on October 23 . Philippa will email Sam Beckwith who is wanting to return with more students. Bill mentioned that the ground under the yews needs to be raked and the debris removed in order to combat the fungus that is infecting them. The hosta in that area can be cut down to help the clean up. The students can work on this too.

- New

Business:

a). UConn Arborist: All the committee would like to meet with the UConn arborist when he visits the Arboretum. Perhaps graduate students would be interested in taking on some trees as a project. Bill will contact him and find a date that works for the majority.

b). Tree work: Bill supplied the committee with a list of tree work that he feels should be done this winter and next spring. Some work needs the skills of an arborist while some tree removal could be done by a lumber man. In previous years arborists have collaborated to volunteer their services at the Arboretum.

c). Volunteer sessions: Pomfret School and The Woodstock Academy are interested in sending students to the Arboretum.

d). Transition: Bill notified the committee that this is his last meeting as chairman. He will be happy to lead tours and walks at the Arboretum and will be available as a resource but will no longer be the chair. The committee all thanked him for the time and effort he has invested in the Arboretum. Jean, as Treasurer , will sign off on expenses at the Town Hall. Philippa, as Secretary, will publish the agenda for the next meeting and will send it out to all members about a week ahead to solicit any additional items.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20. Next meeting November 13 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Philippa Paquette, Secretary

Sent from my iPad