

YIB Meeting Minutes

Friday, March 19, 2021 2:00pm

Moved by Dawn and seconded by Cadi to accept the Agenda as amended.

Moved by Gail and seconded by Catherine to accept the minutes from the last meeting.

BUSINESS:

Annette reported that she had spoken to MacKenzie from the Health Unit. The Plant Sale is confirmed including vendors.

Due to COVID, there are additional measures that must be taken this year including:

- Greeters at the parking lot to count entries/exits and record contact tracing information.
- Maximum of 100 people in the park at any time – that includes all YIB members, volunteers, vendors and guests. Annette will be emailing all YIB members to confirm their attendance ahead of time.
- Hand sanitizer must be available including at all vendor tables and bathroom. It's hoped that Bryson will be available to be in charge of disinfecting/spraying the bathrooms from 7:30am until noon. Gail suggested to contact Proctor and Gamble for donations of hand sanitizer.
- Tracy will mark where everyone is to set up and designate using orange cones (from township).
- Junetown W.I. will provide coffee. Picnic tables will be spread out to avoid guests congregating.

Additional Plant Sale Information:

- Advertising for the sale will through Facebook, township sign, newsletter and The Mural including a "save the date" for the Garden Tour (thank you to Catherine for doing this).
- We will not hold a silent auction this year however if individual vendors wish to have a raffle, that's up to them.
- Annette will connect with Terry regarding signage especially as we have vendors coming from out of town.
- Catherine and Annette indicated they will have some shrubs for the sale.
- Neeltje will be bringing some vases and canning jars.

Tracy provided an update on the Heritage Garden. It is basically ready and a plan is being worked on. It will require some additional soil before planting due to the settling over winter. Once planted, it will be mulched heavily however help will still be needed from the members to keep it well watered over the season.

Annette spoke about a donation to the school. It was moved by Gail and we donate \$100 for them to use as they best see fit and seconded by Dawn.

Marianne provided an update on the Garden Tour. Due to COVID, we won't be able to provide a lunch this year however the tickets will include information about where to stop for lunch and available washrooms (Mallorytown Station). Tickets will be \$10 per person and there is no need for presale this

year as those numbers were used to determine what was needed for lunch. We will need a YIB member to be at each garden to ensure masks are worn, provide hand sanitizer, record contact tracing and assist guests in making their way to the next garden. A gift will be needed for each garden host; it was suggested to approach BUSL for a donation or discount purchase. Also please note that this will be Marianne's last year organizing the tour so members are asked to please consider taking over for next year onward.

Marianne reminded the members that Thursday, April 22nd is Earth Day. She suggested that YIB do a cleanup of the on/off ramps on Saturday, April 24th. Also a reminder that bags are available at the township and library for residents wishing to help with the cleanup on their own.

Lastly, Marianne noted that in Steve Clark's newsletter that there may be an opportunity for YIB to apply for a grant that is providing support for rural agricultural and horticultural groups.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10pm.

Next meeting Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 2pm at the Community Centre inside, or if it's warm enough, outside.

Minutes taken by Cadi Obermeyer.