

Yonge in Bloom Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mallorytown Community Centre

1. Annette called the meeting to order at 2pm.
2. Motion to accept the agenda as amended. Moved by Marianne, seconded by Gitta.
3. Motion to accept the minutes from November 18, 2021. Moved by Catherine, seconded by Dawn.
4. We will be holding outdoor workshops in lieu of our regular seminars this year. The first is planned for Saturday May 14, 2022 and will include foraging and pruning. Annette and Laurel are investigating appropriate areas that can be foraged. Interest was also expressed to possibly have another workshop later in the season (perhaps tree/shrub planting in the fall). Decisions regarding cost per participant are still to be determined.
5. The Plant Sale (Saturday May 7, 2022). Catherine will be responsible for the advertising and members are asked to help distribute posters throughout the community including Athens, Brockville and Gananoque. We will need approximately seven trailers for the sale - several members offered the use of theirs for the day. Marg and Paul Sauve have hostas to be dug out prior to the sale as well as Jeannie Devine (Dawn will contact her). Members were reminded to let Terry and/or Carol know if they need help digging things out or know of someone in the community who does. After the sale, any remaining plants will be offered up to purchase on a trailer parked at Helen's home on the Parkway. Terry will look into having some trees donated for the sale. Gently used garden related items will also be sold and JWI will provide coffee. A raffle license will be procured from the township - we will ask Gail to do this. Sheila and Helen will be in charge of cash.
6. Vendor Village. Annette will forward the list of vendors who expressed interest in participating last year and Laurel will contact them. The focus is having local vendors featuring garden art, honey, maple syrup etc.
7. Hidden Garden Tour. Marianne was thanked for all of her hard work in last year's Garden Tour and it was recognized that it's far too much work for one person to do. Several gardens were discussed as being suitable for the tour including some on Sherwood Springs Road and one featuring containers (Sheila has since confirmed). Lunch will not be included but rather attendees will be encouraged to bring their own/purchase locally and make use of the picnic tables. Tickets will be priced accordingly. The Tour will conclude with the Canada Flower Week Installation at Laurel's property. Laurel will get a Special Occasion Permit from the Township for this event. Lastly Helen proposed that she would consider chairing the Hidden Garden Committee with the help of 2-3 other members. She will think this over until next month's meeting. All members were in agreement.
8. Suggestions were given in regards to the corner of #2 and Quabbin Rd where the new bench has been installed. It will need to be low maintenance. At the next meeting, a decision needs to be made regarding the planting and we will ask Gail to bring this to Council and seek their support.
9. Marianne asked if the Purple Martin House had been installed. It hasn't been yet but Carol assured us it will be done.

10. Financial Report. Sheila sent the Year End Report to Council and we closed 2021 with a balance of \$4025 with no expenses so far for 2022.
11. Neeltje brought in seeds to share with the group and several members expressed interest in purchasing one of her butterfly feeders that she is selling for \$35.
12. Annette distributed cards/bookmarks from Pat's family to any members who hadn't received them yet.
13. Marianne proposed to have a Social Hour from 1-2pm just prior to the start of the meeting.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 21, 2022 Mallorytown Community Centre.

Minutes by Cadi Obermeyer