

Pittsfield Beautification Committee
Minutes
July 3, 2017

Diana opened the meeting at 6:34 pm.

Members Present: Diana, Pat, Nancy, Carol, Gail, Carole, Lucien, Ted, Tina, Nick, Theresa, Paula and Joyce.

Members Absent: Jason, Justin, Matt, and Ryan

Secretary's Report: June minutes were approved

Treasurer's Report: Tina gave an accounting of donations and expenditures. We received a donation from TD Bank which had not been expected. Nancy picked up \$12 in donations at the collection boxes around town, Jack's Pizza customers continue to be the most generous. It was noted that the cost of the new plants for the Washington House and Aranosian gardens were higher than expected. Carol did partner with Diana, who reviewed the minutes from the last meeting, prior to paying for them in Tina's absence.

Agenda Items:

The Girl Scouts will help with special projects but will not be able to keep a regular schedule at the gardens.

The new water pump is working well.

There has been a proliferation of weeds in the gardens, especially the stones at Aranosian. After some discussion, Carol said she would spray Round Up next week. She will also check with Frank about putting Preen down at this time of year. New blue stone has been put out around the Rite Aid and Crescent gardens.

OLD HOME DAY

Carol, Ryan, and Theresa will be at the booth at Dustin Park in the morning. Ted, Lucien and Diana will also be there at 7 am to help them set up. Lucien, Diana, Nancy and Joyce will relieve them at noon. Theresa will bring a canopy, Ted will bring the tables and the new banner he made. Carol will bring some chairs and raffle tickets. Diana will get the display board from Ted for pictures. Nancy will get a couple of the collection boxes to Carol to put on the tables.

Ted and Frank will provide small plants that we will sell for "a donation." Nick will provide a couple of hanging baskets that we will sell for \$20 each. Frank will do a large display basket that we will raffle off. Raffle tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5. We will also sell the knitting bags that Ted donated for \$5 each. Carol will get 25 educational handouts printed up with information concerning the bushes at the big gardens.

Carol brought extra T-shirts for anyone who needed them.

The meeting ended at 7:04 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for August 7th at 6:30pm.