

**Pittsfield Beautification Committee
Minutes
September 10, 2016**

Diana opened the meeting at 8:40 am at the Aranosian Garden.

Members Present: Tina, Carole, Ted, Nancy, Carol, Gail, Diana and Pat

Members Absent: Jason, Paula, Jane, Ryan, Nick, Lucien, Justin and Matt

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the August 2016 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Tina reviewed recent donations she received as well as expenditures. Nancy has not yet picked up the retail collection boxes. Gail will be reimbursed for replacing the broken pump. She emphasized that to avoid burning out the pump you have to turn the bucket spigot before turning on the battery.

Old Business:

Carol got a list of recommended fall bulbs from Frank. He also recommended daffodils to be planted in front of the lilies at the Washington House Garden. She will look at a couple of vendors and order.

Nick has not yet given us a pricing for no-dig edging at the Aranosian Garden. We will also ask him to replace the 4 or 5 plants that did not make it at Aranosian.

Ted would like to further explore re-seeding the perimeter of Aranosian.

New Business

Carol will purchase a couple of bags of black mulch to put around the trees at Aranosian. She also checked with Frank and we will not have to place winter mulch down this year.

Carol will schedule a fall pruning class with Frank for 9 am on October 15th.

Pat will create a gift box for Joe Darrah. We should each contact Pat with what we will contribute so she knows what size box to put together. Carole let us know that Joe likes hard cider not beer.

We also approved thank you gifts for Nick and Matt. Carol will purchase thank you cards, she will also check to see if Justin helped to put in the trees at Aranosian.

Nancy's end-of-season pot luck party is scheduled for November 5th at 6 pm.

Next Meeting and Adjournment:

Our next meeting is scheduled for the October 15th pruning session at 9:00 am at Aranosian.

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 am.