

TNC October Committee Meeting Thursday 10/3/2019

In attendance: Elizabeth Morehead, Mary Manthey, Holly Zechar, Pam O'Neal

Events this Month:

- Oct. 6th Fall Festival: Mike Tucker will be there doing Animals of the Pond. Elizabeth will have hand-outs about water quality – Holly can help work the table.
- Fall Walk Friday Oct. 25th: Mary, Holly, Elizabeth and Pam will set-up and clean up after the event.

Calendar and Budget for 2019-2020 passed. Votes from Pam O'Neal, Elizabeth Morehead, Holly Zechar; Proxies from Beth Caldwell, Mary Manthey, Bo Bunnell & Emily Eisbruch. Calendar passed with the following changes – no plant sale, will be doing Splash & Dash Triathlon. Elizabeth will present budget and calendar to PTO board this month.

Spring Plant Sale: Board decided not to move forward with plant sale.

Winter Holiday Bazaar; we were asked to participate in the holiday bazaar and were given donations of pots and clay birds to make use of for fundraising. Elizabeth would like to pot and plant some holiday bulbs and will need help potting them and running our table on the day of the event. If we are not able to do this, no worries, we will find another way to use the pots and birds.

Oak/Hickory Woods: to keep the original habitat/ management of the woods, we must :

- Have regular controlled burns to keep invasives at bay
- remove all maples, cherries, and etc.
- Remove some of the large oaks to allow sunlight in to support new growth.
- Planting under story with wildflowers.
- Planting new oak/hickory trees per city protocol.

Currently, there is too much growing in the habitat to ensure its survival. We have too many invasives and trees that do not belong in this habitat. We realize there is a balance between the historic work done by Mike C. to plant many trees in the TNC, a desire to not take any natives or host species out, the pain associated with cutting down any tree let alone the amount of work required to be done. However, these are the issues that will need to be spoken about as we plan for the future of this space. Please be considering these facets. This will be a complex project, involving community and school/ district input/ fundraising, etc. , and will be evolving over a longer period of time.

Thurston PTO is reviewing their bylaws: This will affect the TNC as we will have certain requirements and expectations. Elizabeth will present TNC calendar and budget to the PTO this month.