

Berkeley Garden Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday, 12/9/18

Attendees: Katherine, Bertine, Norma, Stephen

Item	Brief Recap	Action	Follow Up	Due
Discussion about the slope	There was a suggestion to use some of the money from Cindy Leahy's donation to hire someone, perhaps a botanical garden intern to give some guidance re: the slope. It was pointed out that Phil and Richard were given a mandate in a past meeting to lead the way on the slope and that Phil has already begun a schematic.	If Phil and Richard feel we need more consultation, we can revisit this suggestion.		
Donation money	Various suggestions have been floated about use of the donation money from Cindy Leahy. They range from buying plants to fixing the walkway under the slope to purchasing large, beautiful stones for the slope	The money should be used for something special and we are not in a hurry about it at this point.		
The dogwood tree	There was a lengthy discussion about Ed Leahy's offer of a dogwood tree for the North Lawn. 1. Opinions are mixed about having another tree on that lawn. Some feel that the lawn should be left as a sunny area. Others are very much in favor of at least one more tree and, others have mixed feelings and would like to research what kind of dogwood might be small enough and disease resistant enough to work there and win over the sun lovers. 2. Some feel we should plan the slope first and then decide about the lawn as an extension of that. 3. There is some concern about the sod on the lawn and whether or not the lawn is stable at this point or is going to need more work before we put anything on it.	As a result of the discussion and the low turn out, we once again postponed a decision about the dogwood tree.	Katherine to contact Ed Leahy.	
Next Meeting	We are at a seasonal stopping place and those at the meeting decided that the next meeting would be March 3			
Miscellaneous	1 THANK YOU TO BERTINE who gave a \$50 donation to the garden!!!! 2 Urban Arborists will be here for our yearly pruning on Thursday Dec. 20th between 10 and 11:30am. 3. Leaf mowing - The leaves that we raked to the center to be mowed into compost bits are still on the lawn. The lawn mower has broken down.	Katherine will deposit to petty cash fund. Katherine to let UA in. Katherine to find out when the mower will be fixed.		

Next Meeting: Sunday, March 3, 2019, 4 pm