

2.5 - EOC 8 Highlighted section about need for Lasdon Park Strategic Plan from June 10, 2022 Friends of Lasdon Park Meeting

Proposed Events Dates to be determined.

The 2023 Spring Show: Carol said we will be going back to the theme of fairies. This show will also include gnomes and trolls.

2023 Gilded Age Party: Jess said this is still in the early planning stage.

Expense Requests Jess said that JT Genovese has accepted a job at Hilltop Hanover. There will be a gap between when JT leaves Lasdon and begins at Hilltop Hanover. Jess requested the FLPA to cover his salary for that gap up to \$3,000. John Conely made a motion for FLPA to fund that salary gap. David seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Jess suggested we need a consultant to come in and do a strategic plan for Lasdon. We need to determine what we want to grow in the near future. How do we want to grow with school groups? We need to determine short term goals and revisit our mission. John Conely moved to bring in a consultant for strategic planning. John Brennan seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

FLPA will be funding the following : Lou, Gigi, and Emilia will be going on a fieldtrip to Chanticleer Garden. Gigi will also be attending the American Horticultural Society's National Children and Youth Garden Symposium July 13-15 in Richmond, Virginia. FLPA will pay for room and board and Gigi will pay the airfare with frequent flyer miles. Jess said the Lasdon family wants to have an interactive children's garden at Lasdon.

Fundraising Jess said that there are plans to make the Dinosaur Garden ADA compliant. This will include 48" pathways that are level and meet all ADA requirements. New dinosaurs will also be added to the garden. Current dinosaurs are being repainted in house. Potential funding is being made through an application for a Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust grant. The Letter of Inquiry is due on 7/15/2022.

Jess brought up the need for sponsorships to furnish the house once it is completed. One possibility is to have a house party when the house is completed and empty to let people see what needs to be done.

Jess said funding is needed for a new utility vehicle. Current price for a John Deere vehicle is about \$15,000 and add another 10% for a John Deere electric vehicle.