

FWCP Minutes January 18, 2017

Trustees present: Jill Konst, Ginny Dean, Bill Hale, Evelyn Giffer, Debbie Newlove, Liz Raker, Susan Barry
Roz Hammond, Ranaye McLaughlin, Candace Weis, Donna Wagner

Excutive The meeting was called to order by President, Ranaye McLaughlin at 3:07. Welcome to Gaynelle Predmore guest and future board member. Two other potential board members was not present. Minutes from the November 2016 meeting will be on line for review from Secretary, Nancy Wenning.

Finance Balances ending December 2016: Operating \$19,364.37 Levy \$24,178.09 Restricted Acct. \$13,903.44 Unrestricted Acct. \$30,750.51. Susan Barry presented the Treasurers Report and proposed budget for 2017, based on actual of 2016. Evelyn G. made the motion to accept the Treasurers report, Bill H. 2nd, Motion carried. The 2017 budget will be voted on at the February meeting. Levy report Liz R. will file the annual finance report with the Board of Elections. Liz will also be updating our Strategic Plan for this year. She asked for any ideas that can be added to our plan.

Membership Debbie Newlove and committee has the membership renewal letter ready to send out. It will include a questionnaire card that the membership can check where they would like to volunteer.

Directors Reports Neil Munger noted that we will have to start working on levy planning for May 2018. Jamie Sands passed out the new color Commemorative Trail brochures. It was encouraged for everyone to take extra brochures to hand out.. Jamie noted that people should be turning in their volunteer hours for 2016. The Volunteer Banquet is April 13. There is volunteer orientation offered at the park district office on March 2. 7-8:30. Other notes are that there is a new park district app for smart phones. A date needs to be set for a park video meeting. Jamie has more information to share on that. Also, the Bradner Interpretive Center will have their grand opening on May 20th, 1-4. Friends help will be needed for the event. Craig Spicer showed the photo contest winners. There was 1 winner in each of the 3 catagories, Judges and Peoples choice on Facebook was the same. Craig will be presenting the photo contest pictures and winners at our February membership meeting. Jim Witter will be presenting the

program Animal Valentines, Love Stories from Nature.
Bryan Bockbrader updated the Eagle Scout projects that was approved from last year. Two are nearly done and the project at Black Swamp came in under budget. It was noted that Carter Farm is closed for the winter, appointment only.

Old Business Bryan prepared a report on where we are at with the trail. We are going with K&K Construction as that is the lowest bid for the project at \$23,364.00. Bryan reported that Artistic Memorials raised there prices at the end of the year. He is looking into another engraving company to go with.

The newsletter and annual report will be mailed on Monday, January 23rd, help is needed that day to get the mailing together. We will meet at 9am. It was noted that the officers will need to be presented and voted upon at the February membership meeting.

Susan Barry asked that we know when there is money coming in for a memorial bench so that we can take care of sending thank you notes out.

New Business Discussion on the 5k run/walk at Slippery Elm Trail. We will need a group and someone that is willing to take on organizing the event. A note on that went out in our newsletter. Some other ideas for fund raisers has been discussed such as a hoe-down at Carter Farm on Heritage day or dinning at Mail Pouch Saloon or Granite City. There was a discussion on what to do for Pam Menchacha for here retirement. It was suggested that the friends purchase a life membership for her. Motion was made by Susan B and Candace W. to purchase a life membership, Motion carried.

After no other new business, motion was made by Candace W. and Debbie N. to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by acting Secretaries
Jill Konst & Ranaye McLaughlin
meeting time

I hour 45 minutes