

FWCP MINUTES JANUARY 16, 2019

Present- B. Hale, D. Newlove, S. Nesper, G. Dean, R. Hammond, D. Wagner, C. Weis, N. Wenning

Laura Arnold was welcomed as a potential interested trustee.

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by C. Weis, acting president due to R. McLaughlin's absence.

EXECUTIVE

The minutes were accepted as read with 1st motion by R. Hammond and 2nd by D. Newlove.

The 2019 sign up list for committees was passed around. If you have not signed up yet please consider doing so.

No replacement for our president, R. McLaughlin, has been found yet.

Laura Arnold and Katie Boss are interested in being prospective trustees.

TREASURER

Operating budget-\$23,500.40

Unrestricted budget- \$19,621.04

Restricted- \$23,712.50

Levy checking- \$374.85

Levy CD- \$3,638.54

The treasurer's report was given as well as the budget for 2019. The budget was tabled until the next meeting.

C. Weis will find out the date to file with Board of Elections.

The audit was successfully completed without incident.

MEMBERSHIP

The mailing for the membership drive will be sent out on 1/22/19.

An on-line membership data base has been set up. D. Newlove and J. Sands took tutorials and will present details at the February monthly meeting. It was suggested that the membership committee meet and present the benefits of purchasing the online data base at the next meeting.

DIRECTORS

The seeding of Carter Farm's wetland has been completed reported N. Munger. In addition there will be a 30 acre wetland at Reuthinger Preserve.

J. Sands- Please send your 2018 hours in at wcparks.org/volunteer or send them to Jamie. Passports are also available for this year.

J. Witter- The friends spring field trip, on migration, will be Monday 5/13/19 from 9 a.m. -2 p.m. meeting at H.Q. There will be a beer and trivia program on Friday 3/22/19 at Wildside Brewery in Grand Rapids. Cost for Friends members is \$15 and \$20 for non-members. The program will be on wildflowers. Jim requested \$600 for the cost of the temporary alcohol permit and the beer. The money will be reimbursed to the Friends after the event. It was accepted with 1st motion by N. Wenning and 2nd by D. Newlove.

Z. Albert- All jars of honey harvested last year has been sold. Profit not known yet.

A. Pontasch- Adopt-a-Garden rules have been released and the sign up is available to the general public with the deadline for sign up on 3/15/19. If there are any questions email Eric Scott at escott@wcparks.org.

OLD BUSINESS

Photo contest and calendar sale- Photos are presently on Facebook for people's choice selection with a lot of interest. Winners of each category will be announced after Friday 1/25/19. Calendars can still be purchased at H.Q.

Parks video- The video footage needs to be reviewed and the goal for 2019 is to promote the Friends with a 60 second video.

The newsletter mailing along with the annual report will be mailed Tuesday January 22 at 9 a.m. at H.Q. The annual membership will be sent out at that time also.

NEW BUSINESS

The general membership luncheon will be held at Otsego on Sunday, February 10 at 1 p.m. with Matt Markey, the outside editor for the Blade, who will speak on "Searching for Balance in the Outdoor World Around Us." R. Hammond will bring a pasta salad and C. Weis will bring a salad.

Adjourned at 4:35 p.m. with 1st motion by D. Newlove and 2nd by N. Wenning.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY 2/20/19 AT 3:00 P.M. AT H.Q.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Wenning

Hours 1.5