

# FWCP Minutes February 17, 2021 (Zoom)

Present: S. Nesper, L. Arnold, C. Weis, D. Schumacher, G. Box, G. Dean, R. McLaughlin, N. Wenning, J. Mathews, D. Newlove, B. Hale

Meeting called to order at 3:06 pm.

## **EXECUTIVE:**

1. Please welcome new member, D. Schumacher.
2. Minutes were accepted as written with 1<sup>st</sup> motion L. Arnold and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Weis.
3. Treasurer's Report:
  - Total Balance: \$157,494.81
  - Operating Balance: \$31,991.58
  - Unrestricted Balance: \$40,497.21
  - Restricted Balance: \$31,927.91
  - Levy: \$5,874.85
  - Report accepted with 1<sup>st</sup> motion J. Mathews, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. McLaughlin.
4. We have memorial money to deal with.
5. As of March 15<sup>th</sup>, L. Arnold will be our new treasurer.
6. PayPal fees; we need to tell people there is a fee; should we cover this fee?
  - We might need to consider a different bank once we decide on our donor management system.

## **MEMBERSHIP:**

1. D. Newlove talked about keeping the envelope together with the application, as the handwriting isn't always clear.

## **COMMITTEES:**

1. Photo Committee finished up their contest, and is hoping for an exhibition and reception, once things are settled down with the pandemic. They would combine last year's photos with this year's.

## **DIRECTOR'S:**

1. N. Munger: Rentals have been cancelled through March, and they are reassessing what to do further than that.
  - a. Once things are reopened, there will be stipulations.
  - b. Reuthinger will have a new entrance; look for this around this summer.
  - c. There will be new things to look for at the archery range.
  - d. We are hopefully looking at hiring seasonal employees.
  - e. They will be paving parts of the SET.
2. J. Sands: The Spring Oakleaf will be coming out with great programs.
  - a. Not everyone got the last one until just now; so the worry is that will everyone get this one on time?

- b. This year we are doing a Go Green Passport, a self-stamping passport to visit parks and do things at home; redeem to get a set of bamboo, reusable utensils.
- 3. E. Scott: A. Pontasch has left the Parks, and there will be no Friends Plant Sale this year.
  - a. We will, however, participate in Blue Week online, May 1-15. Plants will be \$6 through Blue Creek, Whitehouse, OH.
  - b. We can learn from them how to do this online next year.
  - c. This is through the Green Ribbon Initiative, Lucas County. Stay tuned for more information.
- 4. J. Witter: The archery range is doing great, but we are looking for improvements, like a platform, with an upper and lower deck.
  - a. There is talk of a matching fundraiser, where we would talk to businesses like Cleland's, Bass Pro, etc. to get contributions, and then the Friend's could offer to match any funds offered.
    - i. We also have money in the archery fund.
  - b. Looking to work on this in the late summer, but depends on lumber prices.
    - i. We can revisit the archery project in March.
  - c. Also looking for funds for muck suits and maple pans for other programs around the parks.
    - i. Two maple pans can be used for programming at Carter Farm
    - ii. Muck suits can be used for programming with kids at the various wetlands in the parks (10 suits, middle size, elementary)
  - d. The Board approved \$180 plus \$25 each for two pans plus spout, 1<sup>st</sup> motion: G. Box, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: G. Dean

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1. Wild Lights in January was very successful. It was very visible on social media, and there was very good social distancing.
  - a. Hopefully next year, more people will decorate.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. We are down to three companies for the Donor Management System. This is a system where you can manage/become a member online.
- 2. The annual report is done; should we put it online, or give it to the members as a hard copy? We will give it to them in the spring newsletter.
- 3. If anyone is interested in a position, please let N. Wenning know.
- 4. G. Box is working on the 2021 budget.
- 5. The Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> mailing went out, and the mailing account was low. B. Hale covered it, G. Box will reimburse.

Meeting adjourned at 4:42 pm, 1<sup>st</sup> motion: L. Arnold, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: J. Mathews

1.45 hour

Respectfully Submitted,  
Stephanie Nesper