

FWCP Minutes September 18, 2019

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

Meeting called to order at 3:00 pm.

EXECUTIVE:

1. Minutes were accepted as written with 1st motion G. Dean and 2nd by D. Newlove.
2. Treasurer's Report:
 - It was suggested by Dudley, our accountant, that we do our report online; he has a program that G. Box will try, and he will help as a trial run. This would cost around \$50-\$60 per month. This was accepted (as a trial run) with 1st motion D. Newlove and 2nd S. Frankforther.
 - Total Balance: \$125,005.81
 - Operating Balance: \$26,785.74
 - Unrestricted Balance: \$26,606.47
 - Restricted Balance: \$26,662.79
 - Levy: \$1,624.85
 - Report accepted with 1st motion R. McLaughlin, 2nd by L. Arnold.

DIRECTOR'S:

1. No N. Munger
2. J. Sands: Fall Farm Fest on Saturday, September 21st from 3-7
 - a. There are volunteer spots open.
 - b. Do we need a sign for our mums; perhaps using an easel? We will discuss it after the meeting.
 - c. STEM in the Park is on September 28th at BGSU.
 - d. The Oakleaf is out.
 - e. Folklore and Funfest is October 19th; signup is on Galaxy.
 - f. There is an additional storyboard on the history of the Parks; determining how long is this video. Not all slides we have are labelled with a year.
 - g. We are researching a new reservation system for the website. Some have membership components, where we could cross-reference who is a member.
 - h. Working on the rental brochure. Should it matter if someone is out-of-county is getting a discount? Majority is in agreement that no, it does not matter.
3. J. Witter: Renovation is going on at Sawyer Quarry brown house; displays will be put up in 2020.
 - a. At Rudolph, Craig is working on getting bike trails.
 - b. William Henry Harrison is looking at acquiring more land through a grant.

- c. Looking at acquiring a trailer on the land at Baldwin Woods.
 - d. We need more volunteers for Farm Fest.
 - e. Also need more volunteers for Folklore and Funfest.
 - f. The Friends Trolley Ride is next Thursday on the 26th at Black Swamp, with lunch after at Carter Farm. Friends are providing lunch.
 - g. J. Witter has a request for funding for purchasing an Enviroscape watershed model.
 - i. This can be moved to schools, displayed at parks.
 - ii. Members requested more info at next Board meeting.
4. A. Pontasch: Native Nursery nights are from 6 to 8 on Thursdays this month, then 5:30 to 7 in October. Then they will be moving on to seed collecting.
- a. There is a Conservation Volunteer Day at Cricket Frog Cove.
 - b. As J. Witter said, we are looking at new property at William Henry Harrison.
 - c. We have a Make-a-Difference Day, and an event at Perrysburg High School.
 - d. Folklore and Funfest is coming up in October.
 - e. There is a Botany Explorations Group that meets at W.W. Knight every other Monday at 6:30 pm, if anyone is interested.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Plantpalooza event in May, the native plant presale for Friends Members only: the committee has talked about getting the Champion Building for the event, as well as the actual sale. The cost is \$600. We need the deposit soon. Approved 1st motion: G. Dean, 2nd: S. Frankforther.
2. Paying for fair tickets: we have offered to pay for ours, and we still have no invoice, but N. Wenning and S. Nesper will look at our list of sign-ups and come up with the number to give to J. Sands.
3. Fall Farm Fest: we need more volunteers, so please help if you can.
4. Should we have a committee to find volunteers?
 - a. Need personal connections.
 - b. Perhaps have a separate column at Plantpalooza to ask Friends members if they are willing to volunteer.
 - c. Timing of meetings might get more trustees, even younger people. Could even Skype staff members or trustees who can't be there.
5. We will not be participating in Harrison Rally Day, due to the Farm Fest.
6. The General Membership Meeting is Sunday, October 6th at 1pm at Otsego Park. Our menu is potluck, so please sign up to bring something if you are coming. S. Nesper will put the info on social media, and J. Sands will be putting out a press release.
7. The Photo Committee is working on getting out calendar, both selling them as well as giving away some to public officials in the county.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. To be voted on, the bylaws must be out ten days before a board meeting; they have been worked on and discussed by the Executive Committee, so they should be available to vote on at the October meeting. S. Nesper will have those finalized and sent out.
2. Folklore and Funfest will be Saturday, October 19th from 4 until 9 pm. Please volunteer.
3. The Birdseed, Bulbs, and Mums Sale due date is September 25th. We will be offering a preview of 9" pots to sell at the Farm fest, with 1 10" and 1 12" to show and sell.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 with 1st motion D. Newlove, and 2nd by L. Arnold.

Next meeting is Wed. 10/16 at 3 PM at H.Q.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephanie Nesper

Hours: 1.50