

Friends of Hoyt Park
Minutes for Thursday, May 11th, 2017 @ 6:45 PM
Sequoia Branch, Madison Public Library

6:45 PM. Ron Harris called meeting to order.

Welcome & Introductions: Attending: Ron Harris, Tim Kessenich, Tim Astfalk, Rich Jablonski, Anne Reis (Regent Neighborhood Association), Chris Stroebel (VanChaMaShe), Cheri Swenson, Anne Bady Raffa (Sunset Village), Elise Uphoff, Richard Adelman, and Vaughn James.

Public Comments: None

Meeting Minutes: Minutes for the meeting of April 13th, 2017 approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report:

- Financials
 - As of May 10, 2017, cash on hand of \$13,573.16
- Check Approval: None
- Approved by voice vote.

Committee reports:

- Workdays:
 - Two work days were held in April (19th and 22nd). The Earth Day event was well attended with lots of new people present. Activity was pulling invasive plants and picking up trash.
 - Next Work Days will be May 18th and 20th – planting native plants purchased with grant money.

Old Business:

- Grants Update
 - Mead & Hunt and Dane County Environmental Council:
 - Plants have been ordered and most will be ready for pick up on May 17.
 - April Workdays have prepared areas for planting west of playground and main parking lot
 - Planting will take place at May Workdays.
- Ranger
 - Our first choice for ranger has declined the offer and second choice is now unavailable
 - Position has been offered to the third choice but we have not hear from him yet.
- Annual Meeting Review
 - Relatively small turnout (17 people) but very good discussion
- Annual Picnic – Shelter (Roy's – lower) reservation Saturday June 24: Noon – 3PM. Eat first (potluck) and tour the park after.
- Madison Parks Foundation Picnic in the Park – Will be held at Hoyt Park on October 28, 2017. FHP should make our presence and work know (kiosk display upgrade?). Will form an ad-hoc committee to address this with Rich Jablonski and chair.

New Business:

- Control of Greater Celandine and Wood Poppies
 - Greater Celandine is non-native invasive and Wood Poppies are native but very aggressive.
 - Tim K. presented samples of both and showed how to identify them
 - FHP will work to remove Greater Celandine from the park and limit the spread of Wood Poppies to areas where they are well established already (in drainage way and along the lower bluff trail).
 - We will talk with Paul from the Parks Department to see how they are handling these species.
 - Address these in the Park Master Plan when it is revised.
- Election of New Officers

- Tim Astfalk - Chair
 - Richard Adelman – Vice-Chair
 - Secretary – Cheri Swenson
 - Treasurer – Tim Kessenich
 - Events/Outreach Committee Chair – Anne Reis
 - Workdays Committee Chair – Ron Harris
 - Membership/Communications Committee Chair – Vaughn James
 - Woodland Committee Chair – Tim Astfalk
 - Prairie Committee Chair – Tim Kessenich
 - Ad-Hoc Committee on Picnic in the Park – Rich Jablonski
- Bat Survey event May 19 at 7:45
 - Anne Reis will bring equipment

Next meeting: Thursday, June 8th, 2017, 6:45 at Sequoya Library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.