

Friends of Hoyt Park

Minutes for Thursday: March 8 , 2018 @6:45

Sequoia Branch, Madison Public Library

Welcome & Introductions: Tim Astfalk brought the meeting to order at 6:50P. Friends attendees included Tim Astfalk, Richard Adelman, Cheri Swenson, Tim Kessenich, Andrew Wickizer, Vaughan James, Tomas Gverzdys, Anne Badey Raffa, Anne Reis and Ron Harris.

Public Comment: None

Meeting Minutes: Minutes for the meeting of Feb. 8, 2018 approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report:

- **Financials:** As of March 8, 2018 cash on hand was \$12,282.52
- **Check approval:** None. Tim K requested reimbursement of \$20 for the \$10 filing fee for WI Financial Institutions and \$10 for postage. The board voted to approve.
- Tim K completed the 2017 IRS filing requirement for tax-exempt organizations using the epostcard system 2017 for the online 990N tax form.
- Tim K also registered FHP with The Wisconsin Dept. of Financial Institutions
- The 2018 endowment through the Madison Community Foundation will be \$1707.68. The board voted to approve the transfer of \$160 from the checking account to the endowment fund as these funds were collected from member donations earmarked for that purpose.
- Report in total was approved by voice vote.

Announcements: Tim A will lead the FHP workday March 17th 10AM to noon. Meet at the main parking lot for general cleanup. The April workday will be April 21st in conjunction with city Earth Day events.

Old Business:

- **FHP Winter party:** Organized by Tomas G. was a great success. 25-30 attendees with 1/3 children. The majority of attendees were non-member neighborhood people. The board discussed how to capture some contact info from people who attend park events without being too aggressive. Suggestions included a sign-in sheet with room for name and email with the reasoning to be in order to keep them informed of future FHP events and to the side of the clipboard, membership forms.
- **Controlled prairie burn:** Quercus has provided a proposal of \$1150 to include the burn fee but not the preparation of a fire break. FHP will notify Quercus if / when we receive the Dane Co. Environmental Council grant (expect to hear in early April).
- **Annual Meeting Prep:** Thursday April 19th 6:45P at Bethany Methodist Church meeting room.
 - Speaker needs: DNR will provide AV equipment. There is a pull down screen in the room. Speaker will talk for around 45 minutes.

- 2017 minutes will be circulated by Andrew W. via email for review prior to the April 12 FHP board meeting.
- Snacks and drinks will be provided by the board for the expected 30 attendees
- Nominations of Tim A, Tim K, Andrew W and Anne Reis will be made for 4 board seats up for election (Tim A, Tim K, Andrew W. and Elyse U.)
- Outreach/advertising for meeting will be done by neighborhood newsletters (Sunset Village and Regent) and flyers put into doors for those neighborhoods that do not have a newsletter (Sunset Hills, Rocky Bluff and VanChaMaShe).
- 2018 budget: A draft budget, prepared by Tim K. was reviewed and discussed. It was decided to show a neutral budget by estimating enough member contributions to balance the proposed expenses as opposed to showing a negative budget with member contributions estimated according to 2017 contributions which were down for 2017. Tim K will finalize the budget to be presented first at the April 12th board meeting.

New Business:

- **Membership expansion:** Vaughan J will query the membership database for ‘lapsed members’, those who have contributed in the last 2 years but have not sent in a 2018 contribution. A membership form will be sent out to those households. Annual meeting details, general park info and membership forms will be included with the articles in the Regent and Sunset Village newsletter. The board approved by voice vote up to \$200 to pay for a ½ page membership form in the Sunset Village (\$90) Spring newsletter and a large ad in the Regent Neighborhood newsletter(\$110). Neighborhood reps will determine if there is a discount for non-profit organizations. If successful, we may repeat this in the fall.
- **Review FHP binders stored at Sequoia library:** 5 binders included Summer Ranger Reports, Board agendas and minutes and the final report for the Hoyt Park Woodland Stewardship Implementation (DNR grant UF573-03). Cheri S will catalog in more detail and report back at the April 12th board meeting.

Next Meeting Date: April 12, 2018 6:45P @ Sequoia library

Meeting adjourned @ 8:40P

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