

Friends of Hoyt Park
Minutes for Thursday: April 11 , 2019 @6:45 PM
Sequoia Branch, Madison Public Library

Welcome & Introductions: Tim Astfalk brought the meeting to order at 6:56PM. Friends attendees included Tim Astfalk, Richard Adelman, Cheri Swenson, Tim Kessenich, Andrew Wickizer and Vaughan James.

Public Comment: None

Meeting Minutes: Minutes for the meeting of March 14, 2019 approved by voice vote. Draft 2018 Annual meeting minutes approved for review at the 2019 Annual Meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

- **Financials:** As of April 9, 2019 cash on hand was \$10,960.77 and doesn't include the \$1759 from the Endowment fund which usually comes late in the year. The 2019 projected budget is \$11,490.
- **Check approval:** None
- Payment of \$1150 was made for the burn.
- Member contributions and memorials for the month were \$1350
- Report approved by voice vote.

Announcements:

- **Work Day April 27-10am** Main Parking lot. To coincide with city's Earth Day Challenge. Will be general cleanup and garlic mustard pull. Tim A has marked concentrated areas of garlic mustard with flags for easy spotting. Cheri S and Richard A will lead the work day. City Earth Day Challenge website has 12 people signed up in addition to a possible Girl Scout group.
- **Work Day May 18-10am** Main Parking lot. To be Dames Rocket and Celandine removal.

Old Business:

- **Summer ranger update-** Ron H interviewed and offered the position to Peter Pfister who has accepted the position. Peter will be starting mid to late May and will work into August.
- **Annual meeting planning-** scheduled for April 18, 2019 @ 6:45 pm, room 228 Bethany United Methodist church.
 - Agenda- Tim A will lead the meeting
 - Election of board members- one seat (Vaughan J) will need to be filled. Tomas G May be interested. 3 more seats will be up for vote by the membership for board seats with members who have had 2 years in the seat and who are willing to continue for another 2 years (Richard A, Anne Reis and Cheri S).
 - 2019 Budget and 2018 Meeting minutes- pre reviewed and approved
 - Snacks and drinks to be provided by board members

- Promotion of the meeting via posting on Regent and SVCA list serve and NextDoor app. Poster provided by Anne R. and printed by Tim A will be distributed to Metcalfe, Sequoya library, EVP Mineral Point Rd. and Sequoya Commons and MSCR building.
- Cheri S will prep signs to direct members to upstairs room 228.
- Guest speaker Jen Stenglein prep- Vaughan J will bring extra extension cord and make sure tables and chairs are set up appropriately. Anne R will help get Jen S set up on computer and screen.
- **PayPal update:** Currently up and running thanks to Vaughan J. Has been tested by a PayPal account user and a credit card user. The user can now indicate a specific fund that the donation can go to i.e. Endowment or Ranger. The member also has the ability to make the donation a monthly charge.
- **Seeds vs Plants for 2019 restoration work-** Tim A presented 3 options for plant vs seeds; Agrecol, Prairie Moon, and Prairie Nursery. After discussion regarding the viability and time to hardy plant vs cost when using seeds the board decided to use the \$200 budget on plants. The decision was to go with bare root plants from Prairie Nursery in Westfield. These should be more vigorous woodland plants suitable for oak woods (\$4-9 per plant) and be for fall transplanting. Board members also indicated woodland plants that can be transplanted from their own properties in May after bloom.

New Business:

- **Annual picnic date-** The board discussed dropping the annual picnic in lieu of a different summer event which will bring in more families. We have had winter event success with the Sledding party and Owl Walk. Perhaps a bonfire or fireplace marshmallow roast. For further discussion. No date was set for a picnic.
- **FOHP files from Bill Tishler-** Betsy Lane was storing old files from Bill T. and would like to find a home for them. Tim A will bring to the annual meeting. Ron H has expressed interest in going through the files to determine what to scan. Andrew W offered to scan those papers deemed worth archiving.

Next Meeting Date: May 9, 6:45PM @ Sequoya library

Meeting adjourned @ 8:30 pm