

Friends of Hoyt Park

Minutes for Thursday: January 10 , 2019 @6:45 PM

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, Tomas Gverzdys, Anne Reis, and Anne Badey Raffa.

Public Comment: None

Meeting Minutes: Minutes for the meeting of December 13, 2018 were approved by voice vote with minor edits.

Treasurer's Report:

- **Financials:** As of January 7, 2019 cash on hand was \$10,195.76 which is right on target with this time last year.
- **Check approval:** Tim K. asked for board approval of a \$10 expenditure for postage. Approved by voice vote.
- The \$1000 Dane County Environmental Council grant awarded in 2018 was received and deposited in 2018. The grant will help pay for the prescribed burn of both prairies which has been delayed until spring 2019. Once paid out the expense will appear as a debit in funds already in the account.
- There is an employer match for a \$500 member 2018 contribution that will come into the account in 2019.
- Report approved by voice vote.

Announcements:

- New Years Eve snowfall brought many sledders and cross country skiers into the park on New Years Day and beyond.

Old Business:

- **Update on PayPal:** no update available
- **Newsletter:** no update available
- **Owl Walk:** Announcement for the 6:00 PM January 19, 2019 Super Blood Wolf moon owl walk is posted on the FHP website. Anne R will make a flyer to share with board members and will post the flyer on the Regent listserve and the Next Door App (as an event and general posting). The flyer will also be posted on the SVCA listserve. Tim A will lead the owl walk with Anne R as a backup leader if needed due to large attendance. It was suggested that we need to capture the numbers of adults and numbers of kids in attendance as well as pictures of the gathering for the website. Tim A will bring membership forms, John E will tend the fire and Ron H will bring hot water for cocoa and owl cookies. Other board members will also bring snacks.

- **Annual Meeting planning:** Set for April 18, 2019 at 6:45PM, Bethany Church. Snapshot WI coordinator Jen Stenglein will talk about the Snapshot program run by the DNR which places motion activated cameras on public and private lands throughout WI.
 - Board members will bring snacks and drinks
 - Election discussion: there are 4 seats up for election; Vaughan J, Cheri S, Richard A and fill-in seat taken by Anne Reis. Only Vaughan J is term limited as he has completed 2, 2 year terms. Cheri, Richard and Anne R are eligible to run and indicated that they are interested in doing another term.
 - Cheri S will provide 20 copies of the draft 2018 annual meeting minutes for review and approval at the 2019 meeting
 - Tim K will have a draft budget ready for review at the February 14, 2019 meeting and will provide 20 copies of the finalized budget for the meeting
 - Discussion regarding the availability of grant money for 2019 concluded that there were no identified projects for 2019

New Business:

- **Winter Party:** Tomas G will lead the Sunday February 17, 2019 Winter Party from 1-3PM. There will be sledding if we have snow, a fire in the main shelter fireplace, hot beverages and snacks. Tomas asked for volunteers to bring wood for the fire. The 2018 Winter Party was well attended.
- **Authorization for hire of 2019 Summer Ranger:** An official voice vote approved the hire of a 2019 Summer Ranger for a maximum of \$9000. Paul Quinlin, Madison Parks Conservation Resources Manager, will need to know early in 2019 whether the board needs to open a posting for the ranger. Tim A is waiting to hear back from 2017/ 2018 Summer Ranger Erick Fruehling to see if he is interested in coming back to the park for 2019.

Next Meeting Date: February 14, 2019, 6:45P @ Sequoya library

Meeting adjourned @ 7:50P