

Friends of Hoyt Park
Minutes for Thursday: March 14, 2019 @6:45 PM
Midtown Police Station

Welcome & Introductions: Tim Astfalk brought the meeting to order at 6:55 PM. Friends attendees included Tim Astfalk, Cheri Swenson, Tim Kessenich, Vaughan James, Anne Reis and Ron Harris.

Public Comment: None

Meeting Minutes: Minutes for the meeting of Jan 10 and February 14, 2019 approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report:

- **Financials:** As of March 11, 2019 cash on hand was \$11,790.77.
- **Check approval:** None
- Madison Community Foundation informed the board that the available distribution for 2019 based upon a 4.25% yield is \$1758.76.
- The financial report was approved by voice vote.
- Treasurer Tim K presented the proposed budget for 2019 for review by the board prior to the presentation at the April 18, 2019 Annual Meeting. With a starting balance of \$10,811 and a proposed end balance of \$9,240. The apparent deficit is, in part, due to the funding of a controlled burn for both prairies which is not an annual expense.

Announcements:

- **Workday on March 16, 10am:** Meet in the main parking lot. Move brush piles from Ready Prairie to Bluff St., trash pickup improbable due to lingering snow and ice, and checking storm water outlet on prairie side of the Overlook parking area to make sure free of debris.

Old Business:

- **Summer ranger update:** City has set the interviewing date for March 22. Interviews will be conducted by Ron H. who will report back to the Board at the April 11 board meeting.
- **Annual meeting update:** Thursday April 18, 6:45PM at Bethany United Methodist Church. Vaughan J reports that there are Maundy Thursday services that night and the Fellowship hall will be in use. The annual meeting will be in an upstairs room which holds around 50 people, has a kitchen area, AV screen, serving tables and plenty of folding chairs. There will be signs directing the membership on location once they have entered the church.
 - Jen Stenglein will be presenting information on the DNR Snapshot program.
 - Ann R will bring a projector, board members will bring snacks and drinks, Tim K will bring 20 copies of the actual 2018 budget and the proposed 2019 budget and Cheri S will bring 20 copies of the draft meeting minutes from 2018 and blank

membership forms for those who have not yet paid their 2019 membership.
Richard A will chair the meeting.

- Cheri S, Anne R and Richard A are all interested in re-upping their seats. Vaughan J has offered to continue to do the newsletters and the website. Tomas G is interested in Vaughan Js seat.
- **PayPal:** Vaughan J is still working on trying to perfect the donation button on the website so that individuals are able to direct all or a portion of their donation to specific budget categories i.e. the Endowment fund.
- **April workday:** The regular workday would be April 20th but the City's Earth Day Challenge is scheduled for April 27th. A vote was taken to move the FOHP workday to April 27th to coincide with the Earth Day Challenge. The city sign up for the challenge has 15 signup slots for Hoyt Park.

New Business:

- **Plants vs Seeds:** FOHP has a \$200 budget for new plantings. Discussion centered around the balance between fewer but hardier and more mature plants or more seeds that may not survive a season. Tim A will cost out plants for a discrete area of around 20'x 30' and report back to the board.

Next Meeting Date: April 11 @ 6:45P @ Sequoya library

Meeting adjourned @ 8:10 PM