

**Friends of Hoyt Park**  
**Minutes for Thursday, March 12 , 2020 @6:45 PM**  
**Sequoia Branch, Madison Public Library**

**Welcome & Introductions:** Tim Astfalk brought the meeting to order at 6:50 PM. Friends attendees included Tim Astfalk, Cheri Swenson, Tim Kessenich, Betsy Lane and Glenn Teschendorf.

**Public Comment:** None

**Meeting Minutes:** Minutes for the meeting of Feb 13, 2020 approved by voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- **Financials:** As of March 9, 2020 cash on hand was \$10,531.64. It remains unchanged from the February treasurer's report.
- **Check approval:** None
- The Madison Community Foundation (Endowment fund) distribution has been rec'd. The 2020 distribution of \$1852.32 should be received in April and is slightly more than last year's distribution of \$1759.
- Report approved by voice vote.

**Announcements:**

- The broken plexiglass on the kiosk was reported to the city and has already been repaired.
- Betsy L reports having seen a bluebird in the park. (Yeah Spring!)

**Old Business:**

- **Dane Co. Environmental Council grant:** Prepared and submitted by Tim A. Receipt confirmed by Mindy at the Council.
- **Annual meeting update:** Given the COVID-19 public health emergency the board will make a decision regarding whether the April 20, 2020 meeting will be postponed. Speaker Daniel Einstein and Brittingham Estate Manger Michelle Turnmeyer will both be contacted with the information. Tim K will circulate draft budget information via email for review prior to the April 9 board meeting. Copies (25) of the final budget and the 2019 annual meeting minutes will be provided at the meeting. Standard electronic advertising will be used for the meeting. Regent and SVCA list serve, FHP membership email and FHP and SVCA Facebook page, and the Next Door app.
- **Fund raising discussion:** FHP will aim for a June newsletter with membership plea and if needed, a mailed direct letter to members who have not contributed for 2020.
- **Recruitment of new board members:** Current board members have reached out to multiple former board members and new potential board members. There is interest from 3-4. This list will be finalized before the annual meeting.
- **Summer Ranger Hiring update:** Ron Harris will be joining the City of Madison in interviews to take place on March 19.

**New Business:**

- **Seed donation and planting plan:** the Project manager from Quercus, the company that will be conducting the Overlook Prairie controlled burn this Spring, put Tim A in contact with Ron Endres. Ron has personally been involved in collecting and cataloging sun and shade native plant seed in conjunction with Dane Co. Parks, and has donated 6.4 lbs. of seeds from 42 species of native forbs and shrubs to the Friends group. The seeds are valued at \$2547 and will be used to spread in the area below the bluff where Glenn T. has been clearing buckthorn. The area on the rubble pile berms will eventually be a continuation of the Ready Prairie. Full sun natives will be sowed in the Ready Prairie. Glenn T. suggests a midsummer proposal to Ron Endres for more seed, if needed.
- **March Work Day:** The March 21 work day will be 10-noon and we will work on soil prep and seed spreading and any pre-controlled burn prep of the Overlook Prairie.

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

**Meeting adjourned @ 8:10 PM**