

Friends of the Wapsi Center Minutes
Thursday, September, 15th 2011
Wapsi River Center - 7:00 P.M.

Present: Warren Weise, Julie and Jim Ross, Mike Granger, Carol Rogers, Lucia Dryanski, Jessica Steines, and Erma Wiszmann

Minutes: Lucia moved for approval. 2nd by Erma. Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report: Checkbook balance \$5845.09 plus 2 CD's
Budget prepared to accompany Grant which is being submitted.

Staff Report: New telephone extensions added. Leroy #3, main #1 and Dave #2

Busy with grounds work. The new pond is finished – the Dam, the seeding and wetland – please stay off the new seeding. The woodland Trail Bridge needs to be rebuilt. Likely will be re-routed and a new trail cut and new bridge built. Eagle Scout project will be a new bird feeder farther from the building to prevent Raccoons. A new bench is place in front of Redtail Lodge. A grill has been installed so the Dorm rentals can use as well. The Kitchen at Redtail Lodge is scheduled to be renovated. Plan to eventually replace the Kestrel Cabin. NO FOOD items should be left in the kitchen to help curtail mice in the buildings. In August we had 6 groups at the Wapsi Center w/47 people. Had 10 groups off site with 603 people. Our Female Kestrel is here. She has adapted well. The WREN will be out by the end of September. Aaron is doing an article on the Kestrel. Mike is doing an article on the Bi-colored Bolete Mushroom. Need profiles for the Wren. Aaron did a birds of prey program for Park View's kid's night w/ 350 visitors. Mike and Mary Johnson did some programming for the Pioneer Village Fall Festival. They taught people about leaves. A calendar of upcoming events and a schedule for Ecology day was passed out. Host Lists were passed out for volunteers. Roger Kean is working on our Grant Application. Hosts were reminded of things they can do when not busy. Lucia moved that we pay \$60 to Connie Huber for geodes, 2nd by Carol and motion carried. Jessica reported on Clinton county teacher's Newsletter. It is 6 pages. Jessica reported on New Core Curriculum, Field Trips and a \$50 award to teacher of the semester with reach out to Middle Schools. The Friends thanked Jessica for her awesome signs leading to the Eagle View Building.

The next Meeting is Thursday, October 20th, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. at the Wapsi River Center.