

Wapsi Center Friends Meeting
March 20, 2014
6:00 P.M. at the Wapsi Center

Present: Dave Murcia, Bill Robbins, Carol Rogers, Mike Granger, Lucia Dryanski and Erma Wiszmann

Minutes: December 19th, Lucia moved approval of minutes, 2nd by Bill. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Check Book Balance \$9,101.99. Donations given to Carol for deposit from the North Scott School and from the Boy Scouts.

Staff Report: Jill is on vacation. Staffs have attended several trainings through the winter. Fire refresher: at least ½ day must be "in Person", the other portion is done "online". Conservation is doing strategic planning. Staff has had ALICE training (safety training to deal with threats or people with guns). Dave and Mike have passed their personal appraisals. Snow removal still active to accommodate visiting groups. Still have questions on the big pond. 2 broods of wood ducks thrived. Erma suggested logs on something to rest on when a person is walking to and from the big pond. Carol said that woodchips need to be placed around these resting stops. The Dorm septic tank is meeting expectations. The lock at Redtial lodge has been repaired. At the Center the waterline froze to the women's bathroom, and it has been fixed. The furnace has been repaired and the Internet is updated. Plumbing is in at the new Kestrel cabin. Wiring is also finished. The Cabin is ADA compliant. The Cabin will be energy efficient, metal roof, an on demand water heater. Hope to have the new cabin open on May 1st. It will rent for \$60.00 per night. There will be parking and an open porch with a glider. Clinton and Scott County are dissolving their partnership of 20 years ago to end as of June 2014 so they won't assist each other as have done in the past. Ediwild 2014 has a Prairie theme. Nahant Marsh will do the Registration. We are planning for 40 Teachers. We still have around \$400 in the Ediwild Fund. Food is an issue. Lisa oversaw in the past. Will the Friends Step forward? Part of the Ediwild class will be a Bluebird Project. Our winter equipment was well used. We had many groups on and off site. April 12th is a volunteer work day. There will be a blue bird program at 1:00 that day. The Quad City Earth week Fair at the Expo Center will be April 24th and 25th. Lucia moved that the Friends cover \$100 Dollars for one bus. 2nd by Bill. Vote was unanimous. A Photo calendar was discussed. Meet in January 2015 (instead of December). 2nd by Lucia. Motion Carried. The Gift shop was discussed. The Tom Green Maple Syruping program turned out well for the 1st Event. No attendees for the 2nd Program. The Sap was not running for the 3rd event. Schnucks contribution from local shoppers was 170.93. Clinton Count wants their skis and snow shoes back. The Black Rat snake has laid 16 eggs. For our birds we are looking to have outdoor cages. Hurstville has a honey bee display inside. LeRoy has been attending a bee class at Nahant Marsh. He will study native bees and possibly have a hive at the Wapsi River Center. The Volunteer Work Day will concentrate on trail Maintenance, and redoing landscaping. Carol Moved to buy 25 pair of Snow shoes of junior size. 2nd by Lucia. Motion Carried. Our Staff Received a Naturalist 2013 Award.

Lucia Announced the Unitarian church is holding an Earth Day concert at 7:00 P.M. on April 25th.

Next Meeting will be 6:00 P.M.
Thursday, April 17th, 2014
At the Wapsi River Center.