

Friends of the Wapsi Center Minutes

April 17th, 2014 – Wapsi River Center

Present: Carol Rogers, Dave Murcia, Mike Granger, Jim and Julie Ross (and quest), Also new member Jo noon and Erma Wiszmann.

Minutes: Erma Moved minutes approved as mailed. 2nd by Dave, Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: 9,029 in checking, plus 2 CDs.

Staff Report: the County approved for 2 full time naturalists. The county will rearrange two seasonal positions. Applications will be accepted online. Should be hired and functioning by July. Staff finished fire training, attended Earth Week Fair Meeting, a watershed forum, a bi monthly meeting at Nahant. Dave participated in a Western Illinois University Mentor Meeting and annual Pesticide training. There were 2 Interns from St. Ambrose for April. They didn't quite meet 90 hours of Training. 4 staff received their professional development recognition. Wapsi River Center received a 2013 outstanding EE Program for youth award. Grounds – picked up roadsides, moved Rock back onto the road, cleaned nest boxes. We are planning a controlled burn. Facilities – Dorm discharge approved, Kestrel cabin moving along (ceiling, cabinets, walls, and ceramic tiles) ADA compliant. Walmart donated 7 bags of Sunflower seed for bird feeding. Education – several programs on and off site. Earth week Fair theme is "Spring into Nature". Upcoming Events: May 3rd – Garlic Pull/Wildflower Hike/ Frog Chorus. Month of May booked for schools and some into June. Lucia reports the Wala plaque is in planning. Ediwild is scheduled for June 23rd – 26th. Amy of Nahant will purchase tote bags for teachers. Julie Malaki of Nahant has pictures, books and cards to sell at the Wapsi Center. Cards are \$2.50, 10 x 10 photos are \$9.00, and books are \$15.00. Carol moved to purchase 10 cards. 2nd by Erma. Motion Carried. The agreement with Clinton will end July 1st, 2014. Clinton wants the Bald Eagle and Swan Display, need to review and also retrieve our keys. There were 19 participants on our spring work day. Erma Moved to pay \$160 for a scholarship to sponsor one youth to Nahant's Wilderness Camp. 2nd By Carol, motion carried. The Host list was passed for volunteers. Hosts were reminded to lower the heat before closing.

Next Meeting 6:00 P.M.
Thursday, May 15th, 2014
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