

Friends of the Wapsi Center Minutes
Thursday, August 21st - 6:00 P.M.

Present: Bill Robbins, Lucia Dryanski, Warren Wiese, Carol Rogers, Mike Granger, Ingrid Bogdanowicz and Erma Wiszmann.

Minutes: Approved moved by Dave Murcia, 2nd by Carol Rogers. Carried

Treasurer's Report: \$9,388.23 in checking account. 2 CD's to be deposited. Pop Money, Gift shop sales, "Can" Sale money, a new membership and donation.

Staff Report: Have hired a full time Naturalist Emily Santiago. Becky is approved for minimal hours. Paula Webenger (Waste Commission of the Quad Cities) will help as a volunteer. 80 to 100 trees were downed by storm damage. Scott County is harvesting logs. 17 logs will be milled by a wood supplier. May establish more native wildflower, fruit and nut trees – Paw Paw Trees? Perhaps we will secure some from Living lands and Waters. Fall is the best time for planting trees. A canoe and Kayk rack was installed by the river. We have received 4 new Bat houses from Scott Community College. We have 8 of 9 bats known to Iowa at our Center. The Dormitory discharge is meeting Iowa Standards. The new cabin had water heater problems. It is fixed and meets Iowa code. New Scott County and Wapsi Road signs are up. Education count for the month was 6 groups on site and 14 groups offsite. The WREN will be out next week. Ecology day is set for October 4th, from 9:00 A.M. to 5 P.M. The theme is Woodland Wonders. The Schedule is:

9:00 – Noon – Wickiups "Building a Native American Living Structure"
Noon – 1:00 LUNCH (Provided by the Friends Group)
1:00 – 2:00 EAB
2:00 – 3:00 Paper Making
3:00 – 4:00 Woodland Tree hike
4:00 – 5:00 Woodland Creatures

Lunch: Lucia moved to have the Friends group handle the Lunch. 2nd by Carol – Motion Carried.

The Center has applied for certification as a monarch weigh station. We have been testing for the OE parasite. Reports indicate 26.3 % of monarchs have this parasite, which ultimately kills them. We need to encourage the growth of milkweed as well as swamp milkweed. We have 3 new education animals – Eastern Screech Owl, Tiger salamander, and Speckled Kingsnake. We currently have 3 species which are protected – The Tiger salamander, Speckled King Snake and the Ornate Box Turtle. On July 1st the divorce from Clinton County will be complete – Haven't been informed of any items of concern. Roger Kean says we can start replacing things. Bob Bryant has suggested we check on EBAY. Friends may use a portion of the Bulletin Board at the Center. We have printed new brochures. The Chair at the Reception Desk can be raised. A schematic has been created that highlights all of the light switches to be turned on by hosts on the weekend.

Next Meeting SEPTEMBER 18th – 6:00 P.M.

General: Mention was made of the Climate March which will stop in Davenport. September 20th is the Fall Workday – Need to consider light snacks. Lucia moved a path for the handicapped accessibility be arranged for observing plants, butterflies, etc. when arranged. 2nd by Carol. Motion carried. Carol informed friends of a 501 C 3 Training on September 4th from 5:30 to 7:30 at the RI Plumbers and Steam filter Union Hall. The training is free and a meal will be served.

Erma moved that the friends purchase a \$200 add in the Interfaith Publication which will come out in November. Mike will look back for the add. 2nd by Lucia and carried. Meeting adjourned.