

Friends of the Wapsi Center Minutes
Thursday, September 18th, 2014 – 6:00 P.M.

Present: Bill Robbins, Lucia Dryanski, Warren Wiese, Mike Granger, Carol Rogers, Ingrid Bogdanowicz, K.J. Rebarcak, Julie and Jim Ross, Kyle and Erma Wiszmann.

Minutes: Erma moved approval, 2nded by Jim Ross. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Checkbook balance of \$9660.73 plus 2 CDs. Have pop money to deposit. Paula Webenger has paid her Friends membership. A cleanup deposit from the kestrel Cabin has been donated to the Friends group.

Staff Report: Dave Murcia attended the County Web Site design meeting. Emily Santiago attended the Iowa DN%R Canoe School. Hope to hire another seasonal naturalist for 30 hours a week for 48 weeks. The Pond Filled up after the strom but has drained. Haven't decided yet what to do. There was a water leak at the center furnace room. A repair has been made but we check it every day. There was a leak at the new pole barn from the sheet metal roof. It was fixed by West Lake Crew. A leak in the new cabin was in the bathroom around the light fitting. In August we had several groups on and off site. Workday is Saturday, September 20th. Lucia will bring baked goods. The Workday will run from 9:00 A.M. to Noon. Most of the Friends group will be unavailable. Some jobs scheduled will be to pick up branches and small sticks. Hope to plant forbs around the Kestrel Cabin. At 1:00 P.M. Emily is holding a Citizen Science program at 1:00 P.M. Fall Ecology Day is Scheduled for October 4th. Friends will provide a lunch. Our wapsi Center is now a certified Monarch Way Station. Are participating in the OE study. Clinton County has removed some of their items located at our center loaned by previous agreement which has ended. Erma moved to resend the Friends add to the Quad Cities interfaith booklet for the amount of \$200.00. The new price has gone up to \$350.00. 2nd by Lucia and the motion carried. Carol moved to allocate 4750 to purchase and plant small trees to fill in some of our barren spots. Bill 2nd and motion carried. The kinds of trees mentioned are: Red Bud, Crabapple, etc. These trees normally do not exceed 25 feet in height. We are looking to the possibility of some bushes as well. KJ offered some of her some of her equip to the friends for the use at the Wapsi Center. Discussion centered around a Dissection scope, Compound Scope, and a Microscope Camera with a computer feed. Camera will take stills and videos. Carol moved we purchase the equipment form KJ for the amount of 4300.900 2nd by Lucia. Motion Carried. Brief comments about the Friends paying yearly dues. This needs serious follow up. Host list was passed.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 16th, 2014 – 6:00 P.M. at the Wapsi Center