

Friends of the Wapsi River Center Minutes

October 15th, 2015 – 6:00 P.M.

Present: Carol Rogers, Mike Granger, Kyle Moeller, Ingrid Bogdanowitz, Bill Robbins, Lucia Dryanski and Erma Wizmann.

Minutes: Approved as mailed.

Treasurer's Report: \$4,439.35 in checking account plus 2 CD's. Member of friends need to pay dues.

Staff Report: Thank you to Rose Bebb for donated used newspapers. These are needed for our bird cages. Becky and Emily are done with bird training. There will be some changes in our live owl displays. AmeriCorps crew trained on chainsaw by Murcia. Our caretaker LeRoy is retiring at the end of November to move to Chicago to help care for a grand baby. We will miss him. AmeriCorps team participated in the Iowa Water Snapshot sampling in Scott County. They checked on two routes sampling water for PH, Water Clarity, Nitrites, Phosphates and other Chemical assessments. Dave Murcia attended the Western Illinois University Mentor Meeting. Five students were assigned to do some shadowing. The Pump house building is finished and the water is hooked up. The woodland trail has been reopened. Erosion Control has been installed on the River Trail. Outhouses have been torn down. The wood was burned. The tanks will be buried and the concrete slab broken and used for erosion control. Milkweed has been planted. Three kinds of Milkweed (common, whorled, and swamp) were planted. Prairie trees are being removed. Leroy cut down a mulberry. The team did a seed harvest and we have a 50 pound bag full of seed to plant in the future. The dorm monthly report has been submitted to the DNR. At the Eco Center the Ceiling has been repainted. Our soda order has arrived - we ordered items from the 10 Calorie products. Mike designed and built a bee feeder for the indoor hive. The bees have eaten all of the stored honey. So now we have to feed them. With Leroy gone we will have to give them special attention. In September we had 4 groups at the center and 10 groups offsite. The Calendar of events is published. There was a nice turn out for Ecology Day. Insects were the theme. Although the date had changed we still had a nice turnout. Thank you to Bill and Lucia for assistance with refreshments for Ecology Day. We have not received any more funds from the lower Wapsi River Cleanup group. Halloween Hike scheduled for October 24th. Lucia will arrange for Treats. Erma moved for the friends to repay Lucia. 2nd by Carol. Motion Carried. The hike will start 5 P.M. Need to people to pre-register. Becky will teach some Archery prior to the hike. Dave did not attend meeting due to family needs.

The next Meeting will be:

~ 6:00 P.M.

~ THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19th, 2015

~ WEST LAKE PARK (Gate #3)

**(Friends specifically requested the
Gate at West Lake Park be better lit or marked)**