

Friends of the Wapsi Center Meeting
Thursday, April 21, 2016

Present: Ingrid Bogdanowicz, Mike Grander, Carol Rogers, Bill Robbins and Erma Wiszmann.
Dave Murcia Not here due to kids activities

Minutes: Approved as mailed.

Treasurer's Report: Bank Balance 4,564.25 in Checking Account.

Staff Report: Kyle and Sean have completed their fire training. Emily and Dave have completed fish Iowa training. The rules have been made more stringent. Dave participated in the Master River Steward Program. On the grounds the pollinator plants are up, and the woodland plants. Storm cleanup is still moving along. Sean has started mowing, to keep trails clear. The county staffs are planning 2 new buildings. The office will become a part of the nature center. DNR water report is meeting standards. The new pump house has a drinking fountain.

Education: We received a grant from Trees forever for 1,000.00. Our bees indoor hive bees have not made it through the winter. They did not store up enough food resources. We tried sugar water but it wasn't sufficient. The new bees are due to arrive in May. We will have two sets of bees for the Wapsi Center and one for West Lake Park. We have put together and installed the flow hive. Our frogs and turtles have sponsors. The eastern Iowa Screech owl's beak is growing back. Ediwild 2016 is planned for June 16th and 17th. We will do water training here. We are working with Nahant for Ediwild. In March we had 3 groups here and 5 offsite. In May we will be overloaded with groups. The Volunteer Workday is scheduled from 9:00 A.M. to Noon on April 23rd. Friends will provide food. The center will provide the lemonade. There are plenty of Jobs. We will clean some dead growth around the Nature Center, mulch around the new pump house, fill holes etc. We provide all of the tools, and gloves. On the afternoon of the workday there will be an archery event but we have 2 persons signed up. Emily is working on a plan to recruit more people for our Friends group. We are planning events for spring and summer: Kayaking, Wildflower hike, Frog chorus, and star party. Wala Plaque still not up. The pollinator conference is on June 23^d and 24th at the River Center in Davenport. There will be our Annual Meeting, and possibly we will have it at Pioneer Village. The friends were asked to sponsor a Nahant Adventure camp scholarship. Carol moved that the Friends pay \$175 for the scholarship. Seconded by Mike. The motion was unanimous. Host signup sheet was circulated. Frogwarts found a new site for this year.

NEXT Friends Meeting
Thursday, May 19th, 2016 ~ 6:00 P.M. ~ At the Wapsi Center