

## **Friends of the Wapsi Meeting 10/20/16 6:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Jim, Ingrid, Joy Sheeley, Erma, Emily, Julie

**Erma moved to approve minutes. Joy 2<sup>nd</sup> Approved.**

Emily had info for treasurer. A few membership renewals. She is trying to figure out how to record keep. Also \$5 from donation box. Snapple invoice due. Past due. Julie will send an email to Bill/Lucia that some treasurer stuff is here. Have the contact Emily beforehand.

### **Staff Report: Emily**

- Dave was recognized for leadership recertification. Emily is now taking part in this training. Dave had nominated Emily and she enjoyed/gained much. It was here at the Wapsi. More training still to come.
- New office basement concrete is complete. Floor is in.
- Kyle been working on planting native milkweed plugs.
- Erosion control water bar has been installed off of the parking lot.
- Hosted Boys Camp: 130 scouts participated. Emily got 4 "Ask-a-Naturalist" Questions-- 2 of them were answerable.
- Staff is sorting through books in the office. Big pile of donations. Hosted Eastern Iowa Star Party. Rented dorm
- Scott County Leadership Summit: 24 attended.
- Assessment of Environment Ed program was done earlier this week. Stayed in cabin. There were thorough interviews. Lots of theoretical questions.
- 7 groups in Sept. 178 people came to Wapsi and 14 off-site groups (including Scott County and West Lake). 814 total people in all.
- WREN is out.
- Lots of Halloween activities this weekend. Haven't spoken to Lucia. But hopefully she'll be here. Emily has been scoping out mushrooms. Emily found a Lion's Mane mushroom. All classes on Saturday are full
- Emily leading a fungi hunt/ Freaky Fungus (20 registered) at 1 p.m.
- 3 p.m. Becky has Zombie Archery. (34)
- Mike is leading a hike at 5 p.m. (about 40 registered)
- IPTV wasn't able to film because Kayak Float was cancelled because of flood.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Wala Plaque. Do we have the plaque? Maybe Lucia has it. Maybe at Friends Meeting November 17<sup>th</sup>
- Where shall we meet? Scott County Library. **Erma moved. Joy 2<sup>nd</sup>** to accept. Meeting will stay at 6:30 p.m. **RULE: NO RED DRINKS.**
- We think Snapple invoice has paid. Need to change to Bill's mailing address.
- Ecology Day invoice is in Friends Box. A new roll of stamps has been requested.
- A request to repaint handicap sign has been placed with Scott County Works.
- The bees: Entire hive collapsed. It's a mystery—maybe a fungus? Combs seemed a little whiter than they should be. Observation are hives not the best habitat for bees.

**Adjourned 7:15 p.m.**

*Submitted by Julie Ross*