

FRIENDS OF THE WAPSI
MINUTES
MARCH 16, 2017

PRESENT:

Ingrid, Joy, Erma, Emily, Carol, Bill, and Eliza

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Erma moved and Carol seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously by oral vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Six new memberships received. Donation provided for sponsoring a frog. \$15 was received from gift shop sales.

CD \$4,353.35

Grand Total \$9579.03

STAFF REPORT:

Ongoing road project will try to be completed in April.

Spring gardening (Joy interested in making plan).

New office- all moved in. IT transfer only had one hitch with the wifi.

First aid kits have been updated.

Education: still working on drafts, 359 participants on-site (11 groups), 50 participants off-site (4 groups).

Bees are doing well. Insect hotel is now behind host desk. Hosts can work on hotel while volunteering.

Volunteer round-up had 6 participants and there are 35 people on the volunteer contact list. Emily updated the volunteer host binder and cleaned the host desk. Very nice.

Staff workshop put on by Big Brothers Big Sisters on different generations in the work place. Dave and Emily went to communication workshop and prescribed fire training.

Covers are needed for the raptor cages. Joy indicated an interest in making some and Emily said she will send out an email to solicit more help.

Emily requested interest in Friends members taking first aid/CPR training and food service training. The items were discussed and a decision was tabled for next meeting.

Emily requested 5 gallon buckets to help with feeding. Five buckets would be ideal.

Emily requested the Friends Group consider funding the purchase of resin animal skulls for use in educational programs. She presented three alternatives ranging from 24 skulls (\$2,009) to a starter pack (\$609). After discussion, Bill made the motion to purchase the "starter pack" for \$609. Erma seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by verbal vote.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Cocoa Picasso coming up this weekend (3/18).

Earth Day, Saturday 4/22, will be a work day in the morning focusing on planting pollinator plants. The afternoon will consist of a presentation by Ray Wolf on Climate Change at 12:30. There was discussion about providing lunch for the Earth Day planting crew and it was decided to table the decision until the next meeting.

There will be a Climate Change rally at Modern Woodman Park from 12:00-2:00 on April 29th.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Joy and seconded by Erma.