

Jan. 17. 2019

Friends of the Wapsi Center Meeting Minutes

Present: Becky Baugh, Norm Nichols, Bill Robbins, Mark Fenner, Carol Rogers, Tom Schwake, Ingrid Bogdanowicz

President Norm Nichols called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Eldridge Library. Minutes of the November meeting were approved as printed. The treasurer reported we had \$13,530.97 in the bank. Donations were passed to him.

Becky thanked everyone for the help at the booth at Bald Eagle Days. The kestrel was not very well behaved.

The Wapsi Center has been awarded two 4H AmeriCorps people. They will start in March. One will be half time and the other will have 300 hours. A new Saint Ambrose intern will start this month. A Bettendorf High School intern will also start.

There will be a new Raptors of Iowa display at the Center. The Dorm will not be rented any more. An engineer looked at the building and advised on remodeling. The building will be used for education. The bunks have been donated to Camp Liberty.

The bee hive in the Eco-Center has failed due to wax moths. The other hives are doing great.

Plans were made for Winter Fun Day. There will be snow shoeing only, no cross country skiing. Friends members and some of the public will bring chili for the chili cookoff.

The group agreed to meet on March 9 at 11:30 a.m. at the Center to construct 2 more rain barrels.

The staff has asked that we better track attendance to the Center when we are hosting. There is a new form by the desk to be used. Also, the Gift Shop Logbook is in the drawer with the yellow box. Attendance has improved since the road has been paved. Winter sports equipment is stored in the pump house. If people want to use the equipment, take their drivers license until they return what they took. Maps are at the desk. Snowshoers and skiers should not use each other's trails.

The next meeting will be Feb. 21 at the Eldridge Library. Bill moved adjournment, seconded by Tom.

Carol Rogers, substitute secretary