

**MINUTES-FRIENDS OF DONALD PARK, INC. MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
09/15/09**

IN ATTENDANCE: Board: Mary Feldt, Jay Gullixson, Matt Marty, Roger Parr, Vickie Peterson, Merry Ross, Pat Schultz, Donna Thomas. Recording Secretary B. Hartman
Guests: Bob Geimer, Chuck Gerhards

The September meeting was held at the Springdale Town Hall and called to order by President Roger Parr at 6:35 P.M.

REVIEW AGENDA: Agenda was reviewed and additions added regarding membership and newsletter.

MINUTES: The August Meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion by M. Ross/P. Schultz to approve. Motion carried unanimously

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: Two of Matt Marty's relatives have made donations toward the restoration of the cabin wall. The additional donations totaled \$540. Barb Hartman will send thank you letters to the Marty family.

APPEARANCES: Ann Casey, Madison Area Community Foundation, visited to review and update us on the terms of our endowment plan. Our plan is doing quite well considering the economy. It was suggested we put information about our endowment on the website.

Rhea Stangel-Maier, Dane County Parks, visited to field questions and concerns about Pat's homestead and the park in general. There will not be any immediate changes due to the county budget constraints. Volunteer projects will continue as normal with the guidance of Dane County Park staff and FODP will continue to have a park ranger. Locks have been placed on Pat's house and it will be winterized. The Friends volunteers can continue to use the bunk house and the tool sheds. FODP has been asked to take inventory of the items in the buildings that belong to FODP and perhaps schedule a work day to clean out and sort the items that belong to DCP. We have been given permission to rent a dumpster if necessary. DCP will continue the lease of the cabin under the current terms.

COMMUNICATIONS:

REPORTS

SECRETARY REPORT: Pat Schultz confirmed she had sent a condolence card to Marion and Terry Clark in memory of Pat.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Vickie Peterson reported that transfer of the treasurer's records has not been completed yet. Ted Bailey is wrapping up the financial records and wishes to attend the Budget/Finance Committee meeting to assist with the transfer process.

PRESIDENT: Roger will be making contact with Chris James to discuss development west of Sutter Road. Roger will also schedule a meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee prior to our next Board meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION REPORT: Barb requested that the Tuesday volunteers move the file cabinet from Pat's house to the bunk house. Important documents will be kept at Barb's. Sometime in the future, Barb will organize and purge the files. The computer that holds the cultural and historical file and interviews will be removed and stored.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, FINANCE, AND PLANNING - No Report

**Action Item

Roger will schedule a meeting of the Administration, Budget, Finance and Planning Committee.

MEMBERSHIP/COMMUNICATIONS: Donna Thomas reported that a newsletter is targeted for November. A color insert memorializing Pat will be a part of the newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP DATA TRANSFER: NONE

WEBSITE: NONE

VOLUNTEER COORDINATION: Jay Gullixson

Jay Gullixson reported that the Tuesday volunteers have been continuing to clear the prairies of invasives. The volunteer turnout continues to be good and will move to Mondays in a few weeks. There are equipment/tool needs for the volunteers and Jay will be checking at Farm and Fleet as they were willing to help with additional tool needs. Jay suggested getting walkie talkie's so that volunteer groups could communicate when they are working at different sites in the park. Bob Woodburn was acknowledged for volunteering to clear fields to make parking available for Pat's memorial.

NATURAL AREAS:

Action Item:

The Natural areas look good. The kiosk base may need to be repair and Matt Marty has been monitoring it to determine if there is a problem.

EQUESTRIAN TRAILS: Roger Parr

The trail on the former Lenherr land is being moved and trimmed. An October workday is planned to trim all the trails will be trimmed so they are in good shape for spring. Roger will obtain the permit for the November 6th volunteer camp over at the trailhead.

EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION:

A meeting of the Cultural and Historical is scheduled for late September/early October to meet with the stone mason and discuss the reconstruction of the cabin foundation. Additional donations in the amount of \$540 were made by Matt Marty's relatives toward the reconstruction.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Action Items:

- **Bidding of hay cutting by county - Donna Thomas will check into bids for hay cutting.
- **Clean up at Pat's - The County requested that we take inventory of the supplies in the buildings and separate and clean them out. Authorization has been given to rent a dumpster if necessary. Jay will coordinate with volunteers.
- **Cell Tower Update - At this time Verizon has withdrawn their request to erect a cell tower and perhaps make another request at a later date.
- **Scheidegger Grant Update - Merry Ross and Donna Thomas met with Sara Kwitek and Rhea Stangel-Maier of DCP to discuss the next steps with our interpretive plan. Because of budget cuts and the private funding of the grant not being authorized, Donna suggested rather than delay the planning process, FODP should fund the first part of the payment to Tom Woods so that he can proceed with his site visits while the weather is still good. The total cost of the two site visits is \$650 and Merry requested that a payment of \$325 be sent to Tom to cover the first visit. A motion was made by M. Ross/D. Thomas to authorize the first installment of \$325 to Tom prior to his visit. Motion carried unanimously. Merry will email the bill to Roger and Vickie for a check to be issued and mailed to Tom Woods and coordinate scheduling the site visits for this fall with the work seminars scheduled for March/April 2010. An additional motion was made by P. Schultz/M. Marty to authorize Merry Ross to sign the contract with Tom Woods.
- **Kiosk Updates: Jeanne Eloranta and Sr. Marie Louise Seckar have volunteered to update the kiosks going forward.
- **Development west of Sutter Road - Roger will contact DCP to set up a planning meeting for future development west of Sutter Rd. An updated map will be completed in spring.

NEW BUSINESS:

**Action Items

New Board Member Nominating Committee - Discussion will continue at the October board meeting on formation of a nominating committee.

REVIEW AND APPROVE BILLS:

Bills in the amount of \$243.63 were presented for review to reimburse Donna Thomas for her payment of the Sprint Bill from the spring annual report/newsletter. A motion was made by M. Ross/M. Marty to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Tuesday, October 20, 2009 6:30 p.m. at Springdale Town Hall.

Suggested Agenda Items:

New Board Member Nominating Committee/Nominees
Pat Hitchcock Scholarship Fund
Dream Projects for fundraising
Map update
Grant for Tractor

ADJOURN:

Motion by M. Marty/J. Gullixson to adjourn by unanimous consent at 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Barb Hartman, Recording Secretary