

**MINUTES-FRIENDS OF DONALD PARK, INC. MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:  
11/17/09**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Board: Roger Parr, Vickie Peterson, Merry Ross, Pat Schultz, Donna Thomas. Recording Secretary B. Hartman

The November meeting was held at the Springdale Town Hall and called to order by President Roger Parr at 6:37 P.M.

**REVIEW AGENDA:** Agenda was reviewed and motion by M. Ross/P. Schultz to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTES:** The September meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion by P. Schultz/V. Peterson to approve. Motion carried unanimously

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:** None

**APPEARANCES:** None

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**REPORTS**

**SECRETARY REPORT:** None.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Vickie Peterson reported that one CD came due since last meeting and will just rollover to the next anniversary date. Vicki is soliciting budget items from the committees to list in the 2010 budget. Timing for the new data base is targeted for the first of the year and she is also looking for someone to do the tax prep for FODP.

**PRESIDENT:** A meeting with DCP is scheduled for Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss the next steps of our Master Plan.

**ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION REPORT:** Barb reported that the donation/thank you letters have been mailed to all those that donated toward Pat Hitchcock's memorial.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, FINANCE, AND PLANNING -** No Report

**MEMBERSHIP/COMMUNICATIONS:** Donna Thomas reported that the newsletter will go out in December. There will be a small article featuring Pat and a larger insert memorializing Pat will go in the Annual Report mailing. The membership renewal mailing is scheduled for January. Donna suggested we add an option for annual donors to designate a donation to the endowment, or that we take 10% of the donations from the general fund and put into our endowment.

**MEMBERSHIP DATA TRANSFER:** Plans are to begin transferring the database to Quik Books starting in January 2010. Barb will transfer the data.

**WEBSITE:** Pat Schultz reported that Megan has made the fixes to the volunteer portion of the website. The goal is to have articles featuring various people over the course of the year and is looking for somebody to interview and write the articles. Other updates will include links to other Dane County Parks.

**VOLUNTEER COORDINATION:**

Tuesday volunteers are now being led by Bob Dettwiler. The volunteers continue to work on the projects laid out for fall/winter as long as the weather permits. They are assisting with the winter prep at the Foye cabin site.

**NATURAL AREAS:** None

**EQUESTRIAN TRAILS:** Roger Parr

The new equestrian trail on the Old Chimney Trail on Glen Reynolds land is on the agenda for winter. The volunteer campout on the weekend of November 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> had a nice turnout and the weather was great for riding.

**EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION:**

Mike Coffey sent the minutes of the October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting and plans are going forward with the help of the Tuesday Volunteers to take down the rocks from the wall and place them on pallets to prepare the site for reconstruction. The Tuesday volunteers will also remove the cornerstone. The site has been covered with tarps to protect it over the winter.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Action Items:

\*\*Scheidegger Grant Update - Tom Woods' second visit took place on Saturday, November 7 with a walk through the park west of Sutter Drive and back to the Foye cabin site. Merry Ross reported that Sara Kwitek from DCP ask that we hold off meeting with the county until their budget meetings have ended. The plan is to wait until January 2010 to schedule the meeting.

\*\*Map Update - Roger will be meeting with Brian Berkan after the hunting season to discuss an updated map. The county would like a fold out map and it would be nice to put together a map that includes articles that are updated annually and used as a fundraiser.

\*\*Rental Lands - The County will not be bidding out the rental lands and will renew with the current renters at the current charge of \$20 per acre. Roger has asked the county to reevaluate the rental process. Other issues are the removal of old rotting hay bales that are sitting on some of the land.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

\*\*Action Items

New Board Member Nominating Committee - It was suggested that the nominating committee consist of 2 board and 2 non-board members. Names of potential members were suggested.

\*\*Newsletter Articles - The board was reminded to solicit articles for the newsletters and website. Perhaps interviews/featuring volunteers.

\*\*Volunteer Recruitment Ideas - suggested ideas: Create goals, help with new projects set in our Master Plan, dream projects, sponsor events. It was suggested that we place a small ad in the local papers to recruit volunteers. Barb will check on cost with Mt. Horeb Mail.

\*\*Work plan for County Meeting - Meeting set for Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Items to discuss will be our budget/work plan for the coming year, the buildings at Pat's and access to them and keeping volunteers engaged. Encourage county to move forward with our Master Plan. Roger will put together an agenda and items for discussion. The meeting will be short so we need to come prepared.

\*\*Server Update - Vicki is looking into getting bids from companies that provide server support.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE BILLS:**

Bills in the amount of \$398.72 were presented for review. A motion was made by M. Ross/P. Schultz to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:**

Tuesday, December 15, 2009 6:30 p.m. at the home of Conrad and Vicki Anderson, with a Christmas gathering of current and past FODP Board members to follow. Barb will send the invite via email and ask everyone to bring something to share.

Suggested Agenda Items:

Budget Items

**ADJOURN:**

Motion by V. Peterson/P. Schultz to adjourn by unanimous consent at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Barb Hartman, Recording Secretary