

Friends of Hartman Reserve



Our mission is to support Hartman Reserve and its service to our communities through volunteerism, expertise, advocacy, and gifts.

Minutes of the General Meeting

Date: September 13, 2022

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Hartman Reserve Nature Center

Board Members in Attendance: Tom Blanford, Nate Goetsch, Joel Haack, Kathy Green, Nina Hamer, Kolby Kestel, Laura Walter, Jim Young

Absent: Diane Holmes, Theresa Johnson, Emma Krgo, Gretchen Ogden, Bridgett Wood

Also present: Amy Davison and 14 Friends donors

- I. Welcome - Jim, 6:00 pm
 - A. Introduction of the Friends' Board
 - B. Thanking our donors -
 1. 90 donations received this year, totalling \$55,000
 2. \$74,000 expended directly to support Hartman programs
 3. Goal is to grow the Endowment to \$2 million
 - C. A brief overview of the year's highlights and accomplishments
 1. Entering our third year of sponsoring free field trips for all students
 2. Progress toward accessibility goal:
 - a) Power assist door and accessible drinking fountain
 - b) Partnership with Inclusion Connection
 3. Wish list items from Hartman staff
 - a) 25 pairs of snowshoes
 - b) Archery targets
 - c) Storage and shelving - not pretty but purposeful

4. New structures - Nest designed/construction by Woodruff Construction
 5. Friends Memory Cafe, started by Friends Board Member, Theresa Johnson, continued by Hartman staff, with support from the Friends
 6. Sponsorships of Hartman events
- D. Communications
1. Courier article about Nest and accessibility initiatives
 2. Website/FaceBook/Newsletter - now can accept donations through the website
- II. Comments from Amy Davison, Hartman Nature Center Manager
- A. Friends support for field trips allows Hartman to serve 2000-3000 kids every semester
 - B. Hartman staff will be going into all 5th grade classrooms in Waterloo Schools to offer "life labs"
 - C. Soon to be starting School of the Wild with Cedar Falls schools (a day at the prairie, a day at the wetland)
 - D. Friends help spread the word about Hartman into the community
 - E. When staff find new needs and opportunities, then Friends support can make them possible
- III. Election of officers and recommendation of new Board members
- A. Officers
 1. President - Jim Young
 2. Vice President – Tom Blanford
 3. Secretary - open
 4. Treasurer - Kathy Green
 - B. New Board member - Jeff Dow
 - C. Russ Campbell moved to accept the slate of officers and the new board member; Dwight Fritts seconded; motion carried.
- IV. Other
- V. Adjournment

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Date: September 13, 2022

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Hartman Reserve Nature Center

Board Members in Attendance: Tom Blanford, Jim Dow, Nate Goetsch, Joel Haack, Kathy Green, Nina Hamer, Kolby Kestel, Emma Krgo, Gretchen Ogden, Bridgett Wood, Jim Young

Absent:

Also in Attendance: Amy Davison, Hartman Reserve Unit Manager

- I. Call to Order - 6:32
- II. Review and Approval of Agenda: Joel Haack moved, Tom B, mc
- III. Review and Approval of Minutes: TB, NG, mc
- IV. Review and File Financial Statement for Audit – Kathy Green
 - A. Bank Account balances, donations, endowment sent to Board via email prior to meeting
 1. Two months into the new fiscal year, not much activity
 2. Donations
 - a) \$1,000 to Endowment last month
 - b) Nearly \$70,000 from estate
 3. Current endowment balance around \$1,265,000; working toward goal of \$2 million by end of next year
 4. Taxes are done and bill has been paid (\$1100) to Hogan and Hansen
 - B. Finance reports have been reviewed and filed for audit
- V. Report from Hartman Unit Manager, Amy Davison
 - A. Full report sent via email with meeting agenda (additions or details below)
 1. School of the Wild pilot starts this fall at Hansen; may expand to all 6th graders in CF schools
 2. Tanks are redone and ready for new fish
 3. Upcoming events - staff will be going out to Halloween in the Parks at campgrounds; considering a Halloween dog walk
 4. Lucy's Loop around Lucy Price Meadow will have new wood chips
 5. Hawkeye CC students will help add sticks to the nest
 6. New trail signs are going in, will be done by end of this week
 7. Water fountain update - steel prices have gone up; new quote is \$7,000; City of Waterloo uses a different company and Amy is trying to get a quote from them; new company doesn't have as many options (no drinking bottle filler)
 8. Amy has sent Jim the annual request (for \$23,000) and this will be brought to the Board at the October meeting for a vote.
 9. Update on neighborhood construction - road construction on Timber Drive should start next summer (if ROWs secured); Hartman will have a temporary driveway and bus access throughout the three phase process; curb/gutter design will speed runoff and cause erosion in ravines through the preserve, and County staff have met with the engineering firm (AECOM) to discuss solutions that are sensitive to the nature of the site; mitigations will need to be discussed with the State Preserves Board
 - B. Discussion
- VI. Committees
 - A. Executive Committee-standing - nothing further to report
 - B. Finance Committee-standing - nothing further to report
 - C. Social Media update

1. Need to define purpose before deciding whether to hire a company to manage our FB
2. Will be discussed at October meeting

D. Youth Board members - Kolby is waiting

E. Accessibility - Diane and Joel have reviewed issues identified through the most recent assessment by Inclusion Connection and most have been resolved by staff; a lower counter in the Buckles Building is the largest issue, but could be more long term; could have signs that point out accessibility features such as the lower counter at the front desk and the accessible, all-genders restroom; Diane will continue the committee work

F. Committee assignments will be discussed at the October meeting; Tom suggests forming a Communications Committee

VII. New Business

VIII. Other

A. Joel and Amy recently attended a training workshop through CFNEIA - themes were intentionality and making connections; looking at issues facing specific communities and considering how to support them; need to be aware of history, listen to people's stories and be ready to help them move forward

B. Grow Cedar Valley and United Way offer implicit bias training through Leader Valley

C. CFNEIA training on strategic planning, "Creating a Roadmap" to be held Friday, September 23; Jim will email the announcement to the board

IX. Adjourn TB, NG, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.