

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 Board of Directors Meeting

November 12, 2019

5:30pm

Location: Hartman Reserve Nature Center

Board Members in Attendance: Tom Blanford, Henry Frederick, Dwight Fritts, Henry Giddens, Nate Goetsch, Kathy Green, Diane Holmes, Theresa Johnson, Jeremia Matz, Samuel Miller, Laura Walter, Laura Wilson, Kendra Wohler, Jim Young

Absent: Nina Hamer, Sherm Lundy, Mike Ohrt

Also in Attendance: Amy Davison, Hartman Reserve Unit Manager, Connie Svoboda

- I. **Meeting was called to order** by President Kendra Wohler at 5:30 pm
- II. **Review and Approval of Agenda** - Holmes moved for approval of the agenda and Fritts seconded. Motion carried.
- III. **Review and Approval of Minutes** - Miller moved for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, Blanford seconded. Motion carried.
- IV. **Hartman Happenings** - Amy Davison reported:
 - A. Under the Harvest Moon - all but one table filled; all bottles of wine in the Wine Pull sold
 - B. Solar power is on at the Nature Center, and an AmeriCorps member will be working with Hartman staff on a solar curriculum for schools.
 - C. Harry Potter camps for adults were well attended.
 - D. New office furniture being installed in the coming week.
 - E. One tree is leaning toward the building and will need to be removed by a professional tree service. The bird feeders will be taken down during that process.
 - F. The Nature Center will be closed November 28 and 29 for Thanksgiving.

- G. New programs - natural crafts and scout badge work (STEM related)
- H. Frosty Buns series coming up
- I. Work continues on the West Wing aquariums, to be finished this winter. Looking for donated barn board to create a "boathouse look" for the aquarium display.
- J. Kryten panels of wetland scenes will be installed in November - December. These were funded by a donor.

V. Committee Reports

- A. Executive Committee - Kendra Wohlert reporting
 - 1. Strategic planning - need to form a committee to start scaffolding a plan starting in January.
 - a) Members - Executive board, plus Diane Holmes and Theresa Johnson
 - b) Meetings - once/month
 - 2. Friends - currently 1200 on list
 - a) No longer based on dues paying memberships
 - b) New roles for Friends list
 - (1) Annual appeal for donations to the FOHR endowment in May to avoid overlapping with Hartman appeal through County Conservation
 - (2) May need a FOHR committee to work on ideas for maintaining Friends involvement
- B. Finance Committee - Kathy Green, Treasurer, reporting. [See [Finance Committee Report](#) and [October 31 2019 Financial Totals](#).]
 - 1. Wohlert filed financial statements for audit.
 - 2. Fritts moved that the Friends commit to giving the Black Hawk County Conservation Board a lump sum donation of \$20,000 to Hartman Reserve in fiscal year 2021. Holmes seconded. Motion carried.
 - a) Purpose of the donation is to support educational programs and services.
 - b) This money will be designated as a line item for Hartman Reserve in the County budget and will be attributed to the Friends.
 - c) Amy Davison will provide an end of year report on the use of the funds for tax purposes and to show respect for donor intent.
- C. Identity Task Force - Dwight Fritts, Chair, reporting. Committee has not yet met; will begin in January 2020.
- D. Wine Pull Committee - Jim Young and Theresa Johnson reporting. Sold all 68 bottles and will present a check for \$680 to Hartman Reserve. Wohlert dissolves this committee until next year.

VI. Old Business

- A. Youth Board Members update - Henry Giddens and Henry Frederick will work with Hartman Staff to research Scout badge requirements and help lead activities for new Scout badge programs.
 - 1. Budget can be used to purchase materials for STEM activities (for Scout badges and school groups).
 - 2. Work will start in December on weekends or school's out days.
 - 3. Adult Friends Board members could volunteer at the Scouts events. All volunteers working with youth must get background checks.
- B. First Friends Board Walk in the Woods - Walter will send a Google form or Doodle poll to set a date.

VII. New Business

- A. Trails committee - Amy Davison will form a group to:
 - 1. Discuss management challenges in lowland area such as flooding of trail system and Lucy's Meadow.
 - 2. Work on mapping and marking trails to fit with health initiatives such as enabling "prescribed walks" for seniors.
- B. December meeting - bring a treat to share, if you are able, for a Happy Holidays Celebration!

VIII. **Adjournment** - Johnson moved, Miller seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:26 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Laura Walter, Secretary.