



Friends of Hartman Board Meeting

Jan. 10, 2023

In person Location: Hartman Reserve Nature Center

Present: Amy Johnston, Kathy Green, Joel Haack, Nate Goetsch, Jim Young, Nina Hamer, Dave Williams, Jasmyne Green, with Bridgett Wood and Jeff Dow via Zoom

Absent: Gretchen Ogden, Kolby Kestel, Emma Krgo, Tom Blanford

Also in Attendance: Amy Davison, Unit Manager

- I. Meeting called to order by Jim Young at 5:32 pm. Amy Johnston was welcomed and introduced herself as a new Board member. Other Board members introduced themselves to her.
 - A. Review and Approval of Agenda: Moved by Dave Williams and seconded by Joel Haack. Approved.
- II. Review and Approval of Minutes of 12-13-2022 board meeting: Moved by Jeff Dow and seconded by Bridgett Wood. Approved.
- III. Review and File Financial Statement for Audit – Kathy Green –
 - A. Fund Balances include US Bank Checking Account: **\$38,853.71**, US Bank Money Market Account--closed out and temporarily moved to checking: **\$00.00**, CFNEIA Endowment Fund: **\$1,265,083.18**. There were several nice year-end donations, including a \$1,000 Robert Denny grant. The Winter Woodland refreshment expenses totaled roughly \$340.00. The \$20,000 Gallagher Family donation was sent on to Hartman Reserve per their request.
- IV. Hartman Unit Manager, Amy Davison – Katy Canton has resigned and leaving January 25 for a job in Des Moines, so new hiring will be underway. A request has also been submitted for an additional naturalist.....should hear in February if that position is approved.
 - A. Jan. report – *see below the mtg minutes*
 - B. Project list /priorities for Friends 2023 funding- *see below the mtg minutes*
- V. Committees
 - A. Executive Committee-standing – Jim has filed the FY23 Biennial Report with the State.
 - B. Finance Committee-standing – Kathy: 2022 calendar gift totals (and 3 previous years) are: 2022—87; 2021—40; 2020—78; 2019—20. The higher numbers reflect the effect of our appeal letters in 2020 and 2022.
 - C. Website update /Facebook
 1. Facebook – Jasmyne—FB page has been created and Board will get announcements out about it soon. Thank you, Jasmyne!!!!
 2. Website update – Jasmyne is keeping the website updated.
 3. Newsletter timeline – Jasmyne—She needs to receive material for the newsletter. Please submit as you can. Kathy will submit a list of projects the Friends funded in the last quarter. Board features (Jim), pics from Woodland Wonderland, introduce new board members, Endow Iowa info, include some thank you notes from field trips,
 - D. Youth Board members – Emma and Kolby were both absent so no report.
 - F. Accessibility initiatives – Joel has made progress researching braille options for Hartman Reserve. A printer is costly so not feasible. He checked with CF Library and the source they use. This source can create braille books, booklets, and posters from

regular ones for exhibits and programming. Amy will follow up and give us an update on what she learns. Some of these services may even be free.

G. Inclusion Committee – Nothing

VI. New Business

A. Secretary position – need a secretary. Jim is in his final year as president and may be willing to be secretary but new leadership is needed for FoHR.

B. FoHR goals: Between now and February please review the goals and consider what you would like to add or change.

C. Water fountain bids update: Joel moved and Nate seconded a motion to purchase the stainless steel version. Board discussion. Approved.

D. Woodruff presentation: A date and time will be set to present the acorn plaque at Woodruff when their employees can be present. Board will be invited. Maybe Friday, January 20, 1:00. Jim will send an email to the Board confirming.

E. Reminder: Feb. 21st is next board meeting instead of the usual 2nd Tuesday, due to that day being Valentine's Day.

F. Cedar Falls Cedar Hts. neighborhood project update: Ridgewood bluff will be cleared and terraced. Timber Drive work will start in March.

F. Maple Syrup Fest provides six tickets to Friends for its \$500 sponsorship. Amy and Connie will work with Jim Coloff to give away our tickets via radio advertising. This will give FoHR some free publicity. Nina moved and Jasmyne seconded the motion to proceed with this plan. Approved.

G. Kathy moved and Nina seconded a motion to adjourn at 6:38 p.m. Approved.

January 4, 2023

Friends of Hartman Reserve Report from Amy Davison

What is happening now at Hartman?

Up-coming programs:

- Iowa Games Snowshoe Race 1/7/23: 15 people attended
- Yoga dancing 1/8/23
- Yoga in the park: Monday's 1/9/23
- Schools' out day camp 1/13/23: Beginning soon.
- Partnering with Zoo in Omaha where they are working to re-establish endangered amphibians like Hartman's blue salamander. Hartman needs to search for and find more larvae for the zoo to raise. Zoo is considering if they want to continue the project; Hartman needs to work to assure the project can continue.
- Nestling Naturalists 1/16/23
- Re-doing the HRNC library

Project Updates:

- Continuing to work on mural on the inside of the nests.
- Working with Studio Iowa on interactive areas for the nature center

- Motus supplies are coming in! A motus tower (like a TV antenna) which will track tagged birds to inventory types of birds come through Hartman and also track migration.

Discussion:

- Water fountain quotes: All have the pet dish; difference in price is the powder-coating for longer lasting, but staff prefer stainless steel because it's easier to clean.
- Wish list for the year (see below).

Friends Funding for 2023

- Maple Syrup Fest: \$500—**needed soon**
- Under The Harvest Moon: \$500—next fiscal year
- Woodland Wonderland: Cookies, Cocoa, and Volunteering, roughly \$400—next fiscal year
- Memory Café: \$360 for programs—\$200 next fiscal year (**\$160 in this fiscal year**)
- School Field Trips \$12,000 –July 2023
- Research intern 300 hours x\$14.00 per hour = \$4,200: from Upper Iowa to work on the salamander project this year—**needed now**
- Senior programs, 4 field trips a month \$2,000: Up to four programs per month at no cost—**needed now**
- 20 pair of binoculars \$2,400—**needed now**
- Spotting scope \$2,000—**now would be nice**