



Friends of Hartman Board Meeting Minutes

Dec. 13, 2022

Present: Kathy Green, Tom Blanford, Joel Haack, Kolby Kestel, Jeff Dow, Jasmyne Green, Nate Goetsch, Nina Hamer via phone

Absent: Dave Williams, Nina Hamer, Jim Young, Amy Johnston, Emma Krg, Bridgett Wood, Gretchen Ogden

Also in Attendance: Amy Davidson, Hartman Reserve Unit Manager

- I. Meeting was called to order at 5:41 pm by Tom Blanford. Board members brought holiday treats and the Board's Hollen Wine was shared.
 - A. There was a motion by Joel, seconded by Jeff to approve the agenda. Approved.
- II. Review and Approval of Minutes of 11-15-2022 annual meeting/ board meeting – Motion by Nate, seconded by Joel. Approved.
- III. Review and File Financial Statement for Audit presented by Treasurer Kathy Green
 - A. Bank Checking Account 2764 (Operational acct): **\$41,529.27**, US Bank Money Market Account 2690 (Savings acct): **\$14,885.80**, Community Foundation of NE IA, Friends of Hartman Reserve acct: **\$1,212,065.42**, Spendable balance for remainder of 2022 calendar year: **\$9,563.00**
 - B. Income: \$4,605.16 from Lynda Carr estate, \$20,000 from Gallagher Family Foundation (with instructions to transfer to Hartman Reserve for staff to use as they determine), \$424.00 from six other donors
 - C. Expenses: \$160 to BHCC for July-Dec. Memory Café Hartman staff programming
 - D. A summary of 2022 giving thus far in 2022 was provided, ranging from estate gifts, family foundation gifts, gifts via payroll deductions, Amazon Smile, PayPal, Benevity, Frontstream, Endowment gifts, and checks directly to FoHR.
- IV. Hartman Unit Manager, Amy Davison –see notes below the meeting minutes.
 - A. Dec. report –Water Fountain quotes are in. Friends have funded \$ 5,000. Amy will double check the prices and fountain features and then we will vote when Amy has information for us. Board expressed desire to have a dog fountain included and that the fountain needs to be accessible.

300 people attended each weekend of Winter Woodland. Winter Games are coming up in conjunction with CVAST.
 - B. Thank you notes from children who enjoyed field trips were shared
- V. Committees
 - A. Executive Committee-standing: Included in other agenda items
 - B. Finance Committee-standing – Kathy
 1. Finance Committee met via email. It was decided to leave money eligible for withdrawal in 2022 in the Endowment. There were differing views regarding whether we should keep the Money Market account as is, whether it should be closed with funds moved to the Endowment (or other interest earning account), or whether the amount held in MM should be used as needed and reduced to a smaller balance. Board discussed and provided input from various views. Veridian has money market option. Finance Committee will finalize discussion to make a decision.

C. Website update /Facebook

1. Facebook – Jasmyne recommends we change from a Group to a Page account. She believes we have enough content to keep the page alive. She volunteers to oversee and manage the FB page and will set up it up. Nate will make Jasmyne an admin so she can move forward.

2. Website update – Jasmyne completed the update on 12/6 and will manage the web site page.

3. Newsletter – Jasmyne volunteered to create and manage our newsletter. Kathy will Connect Jasmyne with Laura Walter to get any information she needs about MailChimp, etc.

- a. Newsletter Content: Board member features (Jim), pics from Woodland Wonderland, introduce new board members, Endow Iowa info, include some thank you notes from field trips, and any other ideas that emerge.

D. Youth Board members – Kolby: no report

E. Accessibility initiatives - Joel: Still hoping that the Braille signage project will happen. Joel is glad to hear we are making progress on the water fountain. There are stick-on braille signage available somewhere—more research needs to be done.

F. Inclusion Committee – Nothing

VI. New Business

A. Secretary position – Will someone please volunteer for this position? It does NOT involve the newsletter any more since Jasmyne is taking that over.

B. Goal setting/updating action plans – No discussion this month

C. Active Shooter training update - Board members voiced views, mostly not to pursue at this time.

D. Woodland Wonderland debrief for this year – hints for future: Winter Woodland will occur next year but will return to a 2-hour event rather than 3-hour. An acoustic guitar playing would be nice. The fireplace scene on the TV screens and holiday music playing was appreciated the second weekend.

A. Motion was made by Kathy, seconded by Jeff to adjourn: Approved. 6:51 p.m.

Amy's Report on what is happening now at Hartman

Up-coming programs:

- Nestling Naturalists 12/12
- Iowa Games Snowshoe Race 1/7/23
- Yoga dancing 1/13/23
- Nestling Naturalists 1/16/23

Project Updates:

Continuing to work on mural on the inside of the nests.

Working with Studio Iowa on interactive areas for the nature center

New tables have been ordered for learning lab /new donated chairs from Food bank (Thanks Tom!)

Reorganizing the media room and putting all of UNI taxidermy in totes and bins

Reorganizing the FACP with all the totes from summer camp/school of the wild.

Getting ready for snowshoeing

Scout projects: Tubes for fishing line, bluebird boxes

Creating beaver lodge for entryway with a taxidermied beaver

Met with an engineer about the street rebuild—trying to mitigate the number of trees that have to be removed. Project will start in April.

Scheels has agreed to sponsor the School of the Wild speakers.