



Friends of Hartman Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 9 – 5:30 p.m.

Hartman Reserve Nature Center

Present: Rich Walker, Kathy Green, Jim Young, Nate Goetsch, Jasmyne Green, Nina Hamer, Dave Williams via phone, Joel Haack

Absent: Amy Johnston, Gretchen Ogden, Kolby Kestel, Emma Krgo, Jeff Dow, Tom Blanford, Bridgett Wood

Also present: Amy Davison, Hartman Reserve Unit Manager

Meeting called to order at 5:32pm by Jim Young.

- A. Nate moved and Rich seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Approved.
- B. Joel moved and Rich seconded a motion to approve Minutes of 4-11-2023 board meeting. Approved.
- C. Review and File Financial Statement for Audit – Kathy Green
 - US Bank Checking Account: **\$23,590.35**
 - CFNE IA Friends of Hartman Reserve Endowment Fund: **\$1,254,055.86**April Financial Activity:
 - Endowment Fund: \$525 from two donations
 - Operational account: Income: \$35 from one check; \$144.97 from 3 Frontstream donations; \$100 from one PayPal donation. Expenses: none
- D. Unit Manager, Amy Davison
 1. May report – **see below mtg minutes** : John Deere brought 36 volunteers out to mulch trails and cleaned around the sugar shack, around the parking lot and along Shirey Way; school second graders have been coming through; three Americorps members have started; rentals have been going well; HRNC closed Memorial Day weekend; Hartman is co-sponsoring a trip to Costa Rica with Boys and Girls Club; lots of programs coming up, including the plant sale; Megan Hemp is the new Naturalist coming on board June 12; applications being accepted for another Naturalist; water fountain will be installed this week.
- E. Committee Reports
 1. Executive Committee – Jim - *nothing beyond what's in the agenda*
 2. Finance Committee – Kathy: committee did not meet
 3. Website update /Facebook - Jasmyne
 - a. Facebook/website: She did some updating of the web site and will add Rich's information
 - b. Next newsletter planning -
Ideas: Introduce Rich W., pics of the salamanders, blurb about the experience (Tom and Rich); pics of Senior programming/thank you note from New Aldaya, pics of binoculars and spotting scopes; spring field trip pics, pic of Emma and Kolby to thank/wish them well.
 4. Youth Board members – Emma and Kolby: Both are graduated so will be leaving the Board; we thank them for their participation and contributions and wish them well.
 5. Accessibility initiatives – Joel -- Water fountain being installed this week.
- F. New Business

1. Appeal letter update – 100 donor letters were sent April 27; neighborhood letters not yet printed or sent as we await non-profit mailing approval. There are 350 names on the neighborhood list, none of which responded last year. Mailing to this list will cost approx. \$600 if we do not have nonprofit mailing approval and will cost approx. \$450 with approval. Discussion resulted in motion to wait until hearing about nonprofit approval and then mailing to the neighborhood, whether or not we get approval.

Approved.

2. Neighborhood road construction: Timber Drive project delayed until next year.

3. Mission & Purpose: Nina and Jim met to draft an updated mission and purpose; others provided some editing suggestions to result in what was sent prior to this meeting.

Jasmyne moved and Joel seconded a motion to approve discussed revisions to the Mission and Purpose. Approved.

4. Bylaws changes: Proposed revisions were discussed — min/max number of board members, board meeting attendance and participation expectations, possible elimination of or expectations of the Vice President position. New draft will be developed for the August meeting.

4. Beginning to plan for 2023-24

a. Candidates so far - President (Tom); Vice President –(OPEN); Secretary (Jim); Treasurer (Kathy)

b. Youth director names to reach out to– Zach England, Gaige Martin so far

c. Terms ending in 2023 – Kathy G (will renew), Joel H. (not renewing), Gretchen O. (yet to be determined)

d. New – Autumn Stowe

5. Planning committee for Sept. 2023 Donor Celebration

a. Chair person: Kathy Green; Nina will help as able. We can have drawings for UHM/MSF events, bottles of wine, and maybe other things. Rich could bring in aquatic critters for short program/exhibit.

b. Food: Board members will provide the food, signing up at August mtg regarding what each will bring so we have a diverse menu.

H. Nina moved and Rich seconded a motion to adjourn. Approved at 6:45 pm.

Nature Center Report, Amy Davison

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What is happening now at Hartman?

John Deere Volunteers have been busy: chipping trails, setting up the mud kitchen area, cleaning up the middle parking lot area, and cleaning up Shirey Way.

We saw over 800 waterloo 2nd Graders and will have 25 field trips by the end of May.

AmeriCorps members started (3)

Building rentals are on the rise for April & May

We will be closed May 27-29 for Memorial Day

Costa Rica Trip for Summer 2024

Up-coming programs:

May 3 Memory Café
May 3 Pop up wildflower hikes.
May 14 Spring wildflower hikes
June 3 Kids fishing Derbies at Big Woods and Hickory Hills 3-5pm
June 6 Summer Camps Begin (We are offering 25 different camps)
June 18 Summer Forest Bathing
June 22 Native Plant Sale

Project Updates:

We have hired Megan Hamm for our Naturalist II position and she will begin June 12.

We are taking applications for our Naturalist I position and will have that person in place by July 5

Wade is continuing working on the wiring and installation of the Motis tower.

The interactive project will be underway in the next few months. (Boathouse, Tree)

Kiwanis Shelter Redo for School of the Wild

Working on map/ exhibit descriptions for the visually impaired

Ben has installed the bricks for this year.

Water fountain is on the list to be installed.

Discussion: