



Friends of Hartman Reserve Board Meeting **September 14, 2021**

Present: Jim Young, Nina Hamer, Kathy Green, Nate Goetsch, Dwight Fritts, Diane Holmes, Gretchen Ogden, Theresa Johnson, Tom Blanford, (Joel Haack and Emma Krgo, new youth Bd member --via Zoom)

Absent: Laura Walter

Also Present:

- Bridgett Wood, Kolby Kestel (new Bd members being nominated/approved)
- Amy Davison, Hartman Reserve

Annual Meeting

- I. Welcome - Jim opened the meeting at 6:00 pm
 - a. Introduction of the Friends' Board
 - b. Thanking our donors
 - c. A brief overview of the year's highlights and accomplishments
 - d. Amy Davison, Hartman Reserve director comments
 - e. Website/FaceBook/Newsletter information
 - f. Door Prizes awarded
- II. Comments from Amy Davison
- III. Election of officers and recommendation of new Board members – Slate of officers and members (see below) was approved.
- IV. Donor Celebration: In addition to Board members, 13 donors attended. Visiting Artist provided food made from ingredients found in Hartman Reserve (berries, herbs, etc.). Beer, wine and water was also served, as well as fruit, vegetable, and cheese/meat trays.
- V. Adjournment at 6:29 p.m.

Nominations Friends of Hartman Reserve Board of Directors Slate of Officers for 2021/2022

Jim Young - President

Nina Hamer - Vice President

Kathy Green - Treasurer

Laura Walter - Secretary

New Board members

Bridget Wood - 3 year term -2021-2024

Kolby Kestel - Youth Director -2021-2022

Emma Krgo - Youth Director - 2021-2022

Continuing Board member

Jim Young - 3 year term 2021-2024

September Board Meeting

- I. Call to Order – Jim Young called the meeting to order at 6:39 pm
- II. Review and Approval of Agenda - Tom moved and Kendra seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Approved.

- III. Review and Approval of Minutes of 8-10-2021 meeting - Dwight moved and Nina seconded a motion to approve the August mtg minutes. Approved.
- IV. Review and File Financial Statement for Audit – Kathy Green
- A. September financial report was reviewed
- B. Budget Request for FY2023 – Kathy requested from CFNEIA an estimate of 2022 allowable \$\$ that can be distributed. Their response was that an estimated amount for distribution may be in the range of \$42,5000. We will not receive an exact official amount until January.
Board will need to vote at October meeting regarding approval of the \$23,000 request from BHCC for their FY23 budget. Board will discuss and vote in October.
- VI. Hartman Reserve Director Report: Amy Davison reviewed recent activities (see report below). **Amy requests assistance from the Friends in providing hot chocolate and refreshments (and maybe also cookie decorating) for the Woodland Wonderland (Saturdays, Dec. 4 and 11, 4 -6 p.m.). Hartman Reserve has plenty of hot chocolate.**
- VII. Committee Reports
- A. Executive Committee-standing – Jim is working on a land acknowledgment statement for the Friends to use as part of all we do, to recognize the Native Americans who lived in the area that is now Hartman Reserve.
- B. Finance Committee-standing – Kathy reported no additional business.
- C. Website update /Facebook group– updates
<https://www.friendsofhartman.org>: Tom Blanford said that his sister may be able to post things to the web site for us. Katy/Katie can provide advice, if needed.
[Friends of Hartman Reserve](#) - Facebook_frequency of posts; please share posts
- D. Friends merchandise update – Nina
- E. Youth Board members – Emma and Kolby
1. Introduction
- F. Accessibility initiatives - Diane, Theresa, and Joel: Joel appreciated helping with the last Memory Café; Committee will be meeting to plan for the year ahead and bring their ideas to the Board.
- G. Inclusion/Diversity Committee – Will be setting goals for the year; CFNEIA has a directory of diverse organization which may help us in connecting with people in the community.
- V. New Business
- A. Bylaws proposed addition – allowing people to apply for and join the Board at any time during a year, rather than only September). May need to change “Board Terms” section as well to reflect when their term of appointment ends (e.g., finish the year and then complete two more years). **Vote will move to October.**
- B. Acceptance of Action plan update – Diane moved and Joel seconded a motion to approve the Action Plan as presented. Motion approved.
- VI. Adjourn: Nina moved and Diane seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion approved.
Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Hartman Reserve Director Report, Amy Davison

What is happening now at Hartman?

- New exhibit in the West Wing
- New sign for River Hills
- Restoration project on the ravine and behind nature center
- Walkway is partially completed and 8x8 bricks will be going in 6 weeks. (Clay shortage)

- Fieldtrips starting back up
- Fall Intern started Sept 1- Nov. 30
- Under the Harvest Moon Oct. 29th

Up-coming programs:

- Sept 1- Oct 6 Yoga in the park
- Sept 10 Union Middle school
- Sept 12 Forest bathing
- Sept 12 Harnessing Hartman Reserve's wild yeast
- Sept 15 La Porte city nursing home
- Sept 16 Waterloo Christian 5th grade
- Sept 16 Girl Scouts at BWL
- Sept 17 WSR 5th grade
- Sept 22 St. Pats afterschool
- Sept 22 Yoga Nidra
- Sept 23 Nesting Naturalist
- Sept 23 Wild salves
- Sept 25th Halloween at Hickory Hills
- Sept 26th Yoga + Sound therapy+ Forest bathing
- Sept 26th Chronic Wasting disease in Iowa's Deer Population
- Sept. 27th -Nov. 15 Yoga in the park (pm)
- Sept 28 Becker elementary
- Sept 30 Central Middle School
- Oct. 1 San Souci field trip
- Oct 2 Halloween at Big Woods Lake
- Oct 6 Memory Cafe
- Oct. 6 St. Pats after school
- Oct 7 Nesting Naturalist
- Oct 8 St. Eds
- Oct 9 Halloween at Black Hawk Park
- Oct 9-10 Hunter Education
- Oct. 10th Second Sunday Forest Bathing
- Oct.13 – Nov. 17 Yoga in the park session 2

Project Updates:

- We are continuing to work on Ranger Mikes house and to build the patio and furniture around the house, and add the ramp on the door
- Bird Olympics signs are ready and will be installed
- Met with Nate Goetsch to get consult on the bird nest
- We have ordered new trash receptacle and a planter for in-front of the Nature Center
- Working on design of butterfly bench on the walkway.
- Accessibility committee: need to meet to discuss next steps Inclusion Connection and presentation at Winterfest Jan.23

Discussion:

Woodland Wonderland:

We are hoping that the friends will work with us to provide a hot chocolate bar and cookie decorating/gingerbread house in the community room. Also work with neighborhood to decorate houses for the 2 weekends Dec 4, 11.