

**Friends of Northwest Park  
Trustees Meeting  
March 13, 2007**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Jay Melley, Chuck Drake, Ann Allen, Dawn Morgan, Ford Parker, Kate Ferris-Morrell, Nancy Taylor, Chris Alford, Mike Novak, Lisa Bress

**Absent:** Linda Alexander, Florence Barlow, Vivian Cicero, John Carmon, Tim Curtis, Dick Dolliver, Mary Hogan, Linda Kollmorgan, Leslie Morgan-Thompson, Lon Pelton, Bill Schoner, Debby Silliman

**Regrets:** Randy Lee, Terry Langevin

President Jay Melley called the meeting to order at 7:10PM

**Minutes of February meeting:**

Jay announced that those minutes are available on line.

A motion was made by Mike Novak to accept the minutes of the February 13 meeting as printed.

Second: Chuck Drake

Motion carried unanimously

**Treasurers Report:** (given by Jay in Randy's absence): Randy reports that all the figures have been submitted to the accountant. The review should be complete by our April meeting. We are solvent!

**Staff Report: Ford Parker:**

Earth Day: April 21, 2007.

This year Earth Day will have a Natural History theme. There will be a falconer , a lady with bats as well as someone from Magic Wings with butterflies.

Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday April 7<sup>th</sup>: Who's Egg Is It?

There will be plastic eggs available for children to collect. In addition, there will also be real eggs that have been hard boiled and painted to look like the eggs of some of our native birds. Children will collect both a given amount of plastic and real eggs. The children will then have a chance to match the real eggs to the nest of the bird the egg belongs to. There will be a discussion about the importance of not disturbing eggs while they are in the nest.

The Natural Resource Grant is well underway as is the All Person Sensory Saunter Trail.

Eco Tourism is ready to go. There is a brochure available with the trips that have been planned.

**Exhibits:** Maple Sugar is back up.

New For Summer: Bees, Butterflies and Living Rainbow

Garmin GPS units have been purchased. There will be a "Geo-caching 101" course offered later.

**Internship funding:** We had one applicant for our spring intern program. The applicant had one interview but declined the position. It is now too late for a spring intern to be hired. We are looking for a summer intern presently.

**Boy Scout Eagle Project:** There is presently a young man who is doing his Eagle Scout project by making directional signs for the trails. The money that was allocated for materials for this project was in the budget for fiscal year 2008 however that money is needed now. To solve the problem.....

A motion in three parts was made by Mike Novak and seconded by Dawn Morgan.

**Part One:** Reclaim \$1,800.00 allocated for the spring 2007 intern.

**Part Two:** Allocate \$ 1,125.00 for Boy Scout sign project materials for fiscal year 07.

**Part Three:** Remove the \$1,125.00 from the fiscal year 08 budget.

Motion passed unanimously.

Coffee House:

Chuck reported that there are three Coffee Houses in a row beginning on March 17. 2007

The performers will be a Bossa Nova /Jazz quartet from Albany.

The next Coffee House will be on FRIDAY March 23 at 8PM. The performer will be Ruthie Foster

On Saturday March 31 there will be a Coffee House featuring The Kennedy.

Next year's Coffee House schedule is in progress.

22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pancake Breakfast: Saturday March 24 from 8-11

Set up will be on Thursday March 22 in the afternoon.

We are looking for people to help with clean up beginning at 11:15.

Kate Ferris- Morrell is in charge of volunteers this year since Nancy Taylor is on Parent Conference overload that week!

**Lecture Series**

Mary Hogan and Chuck are working on getting this up and running. They hope to begin in the fall.

They are looking for topics of interest for speakers.

**Country Fair: Saturday September 29, 2007!**

The date will be posted on the website.

Nancy Taylor and Kate Ferris- Morrell are this years co chairs. We are always looking for volunteers!

**Newsletter**: There will be a newsletter after the Pancake Breakfast. If anyone has any articles for submission please get them to Katherine Grimshaw.

Motion to adjourn at 8:40: Mike Novak, Second: Chris Alford

**Next Meeting: Tuesday April 10, 2007 7PM Nature Center**

Respectfully Submitted

Nancy Taylor