

March 6, 2012 FHSP Minutes

The March meeting was held at the Atheneum in New Harmony, IN. There were 21 people present. Minutes for February meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report for February was read and approved. Ending balance was \$2334.58.

Steve Moll was nominated for Vice President. All present voted to approve the nomination. Steve graciously accepted the nomination. Thank you Steve for accepting the nomination.

FHSP board members have chosen Old National Insurance as their insurance provider. They had the lowest annual rate of those contacted. There may be a rider whenever FHSP hosts a special event. The cost of the rider will be taken into account when choosing events to sponsor.

Changes to the bylaws were explained to members.

- The first change enables the board members to start and stop their term of office on the same date. This change would enable board members to rotate offices if necessary. We hope someone else is willing to take over once our terms are over, but if no one is interested, this enables us to rotate positions.
- The second change was an expenditure clause that enabled board members the opportunity to purchase items under \$500.00 without membership approval. In the event a request exceeds \$500.00, it can be voted on at the current meeting if 8 or more paid members are present. If fewer than 8 members present, it will be voted on at the next meeting. A majority vote is required for approval. Once our meetings go to quarterly, the prior language could have put us in a situation where we would have to wait 6 months to fund something.

Chastity gave a future outlook on events that are planned for the park. Some of these planned events are hiring of a new security guard, lifeguards for the pool, Easter egg hunt, Bluegrass band on April 26, MountainBike Rally and Run on July 7 & 8. The park will be manning the entrance gate starting in mid to late March and the first restroom will also be open at that time. All events can be found on Harmonie State Park web site. Go to DNR parks and choose Harmonie State Park and browse the web to see all the exciting events to take place.

We are still getting and looking at cost for the stage at the amphitheater. As soon as our Federal ID tax exemption is approved, we can start searching for grants to cover the cost. The cost is not expected to exceed \$5000.00. Chastity also reported that since Harmonie State Park management will be overseeing and approving the planning of the stage, FHSP will not be responsible for any accidents that may occur.

Chastity also informed the group that Harmonie State Park management would no longer oversee the preservation of the tree cookie. There is concern about animals drinking antifreeze and that the glycol product is flammable. The board members are now trying to determine the best way to preserve the cookie. Joe Stoltz will make a steel band to place around the cookie to help keep it from cracking. As Steve Moll explained to the group, the cookie needs to be immersed in propylene glycol for a period of two months followed by a two-month drying time. The problem is finding a container to immerse the large cookie. Ed is looking into this.

Denny Hargett gave an update to the Bluebird trail. There will be a folder located in the Harmonie State Park office for volunteers to use when inspecting the Bluebird boxes. The office will be open Monday through Saturday from 8:30 to 4:00.

**Anyone interested in Bluebird watching, to having a Bluebird box of his or her own should come to the next FHSP meeting. Bob and Judy Peak from the Audubon Society will speak about Bluebirding. This should be a very interesting event you will not want to miss.

FHSP has moved forward in setting a date of July 21st for the Luau. Chastity will check on tent availability. Amelia Wildeman will be the liaison person for the park. Tony Thompson and Rod Douglas agree to help with the event. Melisa Williams stated she would do publicity for the Luau by relaying any information to the Chamber of Commerce.

There was discussion about needing a logo. Shannon will work her contacts at USI to see if she can come up with something. We discussed a logo contest as well.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 10th at the Red Bank Library @ 6:00pm.