

Minutes of Quarterly Meeting Friends of Harmonie State Park  
Tues. Dec. 9, 2014 Haubstadt Town Hall Meeting Room  
7 present

Minutes of Sept meeting were read and approved with correction of taxidermist having only a falcon for the display

Treasurers report was given and approved

Balance in regular fund \$17,504.21  
Balance in capital fund \$22,172.39

Gaming Fund \$460.00

This was money raised from raffle of weekend at cabins in Harmonie State Park. FHSP purchased cabin rental to be given in the raffle

#### Park Report

Although no one was present from the park, Jon reported that they had received approval from the park planner for the OEP site. He also reported that the park had a 2% increase in revenue for the year.

#### Old Business

David and Vickie Campbell are purchasing a bench for the Sweet Gum Shelter. The bench will be purchased by FHSP for \$278.00 and will be reimbursed for that expense. A labyrinth will be planted at this shelter site.

We are waiting on bids from Empire Contractors and Motz Construction to construct the Outdoor Education Pavilion.

Midwest Roofing and Sheet metal are looking into getting material for the ceiling.

Posey County Community Foundation donated \$2,200.00 toward the OEP and would like to be recognized for their donation.

The Kunstfest and Craft Fair will need 2 chairpersons each or the events will not have FHSP participation. If that happens, the Luau will be the only fund raiser for the friends group. We need some people to step up to these positions in order to keep raising funds to accomplish the work being done by FHSP in the park.

## New Business

The annual membership drive is under way. Annual dues of \$30.00 are due in February. Dues provide membership for a year at a time. Please consider renewing or becoming a new member of FHSP.

Purchasing a projector for use at the park was discussed. We are in the process of selecting the projector that will work best and seeking to find one at a reasonable price. There has been money allotted for this purchase of approximately \$1600.00

Movie nights were discussed. Campers will have an opportunity to voice their choices via Facebook and three movies will be selected for presentation this year. Movie dates are May 2, Welcome Back Weekend, May 24, & Sept 6

Lighting for the RV Stage area was discussed. It was decided this would be a good project for the Eagle Scouts or possibly installing permanent light poles with a switch that can be turned on after movies or programs to allow safer walking. We will be discussing this matter with Chastity.

## Blue Bird Trail

Denny will be needing volunteers to walk the trails and check nesting boxes. Each trail will take about two hours to walk. The season begins in early April.

Message board has been prepared for the largest Black Oak tree in Indiana and will be placed at the site of the tree where it was blown over. Once the OEP is finished it will be moved to join the tree ring as part of the building

We place 20% of the money raised in the capital fund project for larger projects. \$3,112.60 was deposited in the capital funds project bringing the total to \$25,284.00

The board voted to renew their membership in the New Harmony Business Association for \$175.00 for this year.

Lottery tickets were purchased by FHSP for all park employees as a Christmas gift.

It was discussed to spend \$250.00 to purchase Easter eggs for the annual hunt. These will be ordered early in 2015

Discussion on designating money for the Outdoor Education Pavilion was heard and the board will ask members to vote in the March meeting to pull money from the regular account to bring the capital funds account to \$30,000.00 to be used on the OEP. That will leave approximately \$9,000.00 in the regular fund project for other needs and expenses.

Meeting dates for the 2015 year are March 10 at 6:00 at Redbank Library in Evansville. June 9 at 6:00 at Alexandria Library in Mt. Vernon. Sept 8 at 6:00 at Atheneum in New Harmony and Dec. 8 at 6:00 at a location to be decided.

The March meeting will be important for the work the FHSP wishes to see done this year. Volunteers are needed to help with the events and work to be done. We have one of the most beautiful parks in the state and want to see it made even better. Please renew your membership and be eligible to vote on the OEP funding in March.

