

Minutes of Quarterly Meeting, Friends of Harmonie State Park

Tues, March 18 6:00 Red Bank Library Evansville

18 Members present

Treasurers Report was given

Bal on hand \$27,063.69

Some items were purchased such as a tent for fundraisers, sealer for logs for outdoor education facility, insurance, and other items.

Grants were received for the outdoor education facility totaling \$10,000.00

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved, treasurers report was given and approved.

Old Business

Discussion on purpose and alternatives of Outdoor Education Facility.

Working to secure more grants.

\$45,000 in budget, will most likely cost more to build according to new building standards set by state.

Campground clean up day received a very good response. Rick & Sherri Allen provided chili for those who volunteered to help pick up stick, trash, and make the campground ready for the camping season. The work they did is greatly appreciated. Thank you to all those who helped.

The Fire Rings at the American RV stage were completed by the Gries family. A big thank you to all those who helped see this project completed.

New Business

Updated books for record keeping of Blue Bird Boxes are at the Park Office. Efforts were made to make these books easier to use and track the success of the Blue Bird population in the park. An in-service meeting will be on Apr.5 at 10:00 at the park.

Further discussion and clarification was given on Large Capital Projects.

Bicentennial Parade in New Harmony

Aug. 10 at 10:00 a.m.

Rose is coordinating efforts on this.

Float is planned

Smokie the Bear and Woodsy the Owl will be present

Luau Chair person

Rosemary Jerrells will be working with Marilyn Hirsch and others to prepare for this year's luau on July 19

Easter Egg Hunt Apr.19 10:00 at the park FHSP will purchase eggs for this event

Welcome Back Weekend May 3 & 4

Special events and activities planned.

Past FHSP board members were recognized and appreciated

Fundraiser: Recycled plastic benches, park license plates, calendars were some ideas discussed.

Sign for Tree Cookie. FHSP will provide \$1,000 for this and will be reimbursed in materials from the park

A movie screen is to be purchased for the showing of movies in the park. Approximately \$200.00 for this.

Three movies have been ordered for showin on May 25, Super Buddies, July 5, Goonies, and Aug 31, Frozen. The cost for each of these movies is \$215.66

A tent was purchased for \$220 to be used at events like Kuntsfest, Luau, and other fundraisers. Previously, tents were borrowed form members.

Popcorn Popper to be purchased \$65.00

Wild About Nature

Opportunity for young people of Posey County to join in for two days of learning and fun. FHSP will help sponsor this event of the park. Microscopes and Binoculars were purchased last year and will be used again this year. FHSP has budgeted \$1,000 for this event.

Dates set for Quarterly FHSP Meetings.

Second Tues of March, June, Sept, and Dec.

Next Meeting will be in Mt. Vernon as Alexandria Library.

June 10 at 6:00

Report from the Park

Restroom 1 is now open, others to soon be opened as weather warms. Property Manager has had three persons apply \$35,000 is allotted from July to July each year. Of that \$13,000 was spent on sewage plant. Considering all of Indiana's state parks, Harmonie is about in the middle of standings, financially and in attendance.

Taxidermy exhibit is in the process of being completed. Due to deterioration of some specimens, a falcon display is being prepared.

Ideas were discussed on improvements to park and activities. Enhancing the stage with lights and sound, golf frisby, and others were mentioned.