

## **September 11, 2012 Friends of Harmonie State Park (FHSP) Minutes**

The September meeting was held in Evansville, IN. at the West Branch Library where 14 people were present.

Minutes for July meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report for September was read and approved. Ending balance was \$9904.90.

The Luau was a huge success – we sold out our tickets and made a \$1,686 profit! Thanks to all involved for making this a fun and profitable evening.

We are happy to report that the stage has been funded up to \$5,000 by American RV! We hope to have it built this year. We do not yet have this money – it will come when we build it. We have an American RV banner and a FHSP banner displayed where the stage will be built.

We are also happy to report that we have been given a gift of \$4,000 from the Old Beech Cemetery Board for completion of the tree cookie.

Harmonie State Park Annual Craft Sale will be October 13 in front of the swimming pool. Anyone who would like to have a booth, contact Janet @ Harmonie State Park office @ 682-4821. There will be a Dutch oven cook off. The FHSP will have a booth selling kuchens, goulash and baked goods. If you can and would help, please call Marilyn Hirsch @ 985-3572.

Kunstfest at New Harmony is September 15 & 16. Our booth is on Main St. in front of ChrisPharmacy. Many thanks to all the volunteers who have agreed to help with this worthwhile project. Shirts with FHSP logo will also be on sale. They are very colorful, nice looking and are made of high quality material.

Philip Stoltz is working on the plans for the Tree Cookie shelter. He will finalize the plans with Jim Gray.

Shannon Hoehn has once again done a wonderful job on the new Newsletter. I hope everyone has seen it and if not, stop in at the park as they are handing them out at the gate or come to the next meeting and get one in person.

Denny Hargett gave a presentation on the success of the Bluebird boxes

around the park. Over 10 volunteers checked the 25 plus boxes over the summer. Thirteen nests had bluebirds with 54 bluebirds fledging, 8 chickadees, 1 wren and 1 flying squirrel with 3 babies. If you would be interested in volunteering next year, see Denny.

We changed the names of some of our giving levels. Founders is now Patron and Corporate is now Benefactor.

We have approached many businesses asking for sponsorship / donations. Most make donations based on educational needs. Amelia is looking into programs that would fit this kind of thing.

The next meeting will be in Mt. Vernon at the Alexandrian Library @ 6:00pm on Wednesday, November 14. We hope to present the Friends group with options for our next project. Come out and learn about what exciting things we have in store for the next year! See you there.