

Minutes for 1000 Islands Environmental Center Committee Meeting Held on Thursday, October 18, 2018

Members Present: Driessen, Gertz, Hietpas, Kalupa, McGregor, McSorley, Pautz and VanBerkel

Absent/Excused: McGinnis

Also Present: Deb Nowak and Maureen Feldt

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, McSorley at 6:30 p.m. Quorum is present. Gertz made a motion to accept the September minutes. Second by Driessen. Motion carried.

Financial Report

The September financial report was reviewed. Phone expenses still not corrected by Finance Dept. Kalupa made a motion to approve the September financial report. Second by Driessen. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Feldt shared a written thank you note from the High School JET student that was at the Center to complete tasks. Nowak received a thank you from the UW-Oshkosh Learning in Retirement group that spent a morning at the Center.

Report from the Friends of 1000 Islands

Nowak continues to review several budget line items with the Friends group at each meeting to evaluate the budgeted amount. The Fall/Winter Cat-Tails newsletter is almost complete and will be sent to the printer shortly. Requested quotes from three printers and new printer has been selected for cost savings. Evaluating Gift Shop items.

Naturalist's Report

Nowak is expanding the free educational programs and has a line-up set into 2019. Assistant Naturalist, Stephanie Feuerstein will have a free program on the Saturday she works each month. Because of the interest in wild edibles, we plan on having a quarterly program on seasonal wild edibles.

1000 Islands received a lot of TV press time and social media interaction regarding the goats on-site to help remove invasive species. Waiting for results from the high school students and will then put together a formal summary.

Admin/Finance Committee

Driessen will become Chair of the Committee and now need a nomination for a Vice-Chair. Short discussion on role and Driessen made a motion to nominate Hietpas to be Vice-Chair. Second by

McGregor. Nominations closed. All Committee members approved Hietpas to be Vice-Chair November 2018-October 2019.

Committee members need to be assigned to sub-committees. Driessen asked that members consider which sub-committee they prefer and she will follow-up with each member.

Fiber optic cabling has been installed up to the outside of the building. The Center needs cabling inside the building to connect to the fiber optic and become connected with the other City facilities. Received one quote to complete the inside cabling, but Deb requested a second quote from the IT Dept. to ensure appropriate expenditures. Driessen made a motion to approve spending \$1,685.13 or less depending on the second quote to complete the inside cabling. Second by Gertz. Motion passed.

Education

Discussion regarding the rhino horn and ivory tusks that are at the Center. The Milwaukee Co Zoo or the Milwaukee Museum may be interested in them after an initial contact. Past research regarding selling of these items is not a feasible option. No one locally is interested in the items and feel they are being under-utilized. Nowak would like to deal with these items during the slower months and find an organization that is willing to utilize them for educational purposes. McGregor made a motion for Nowak to contact the Milwaukee Co Zoo and Milwaukee Museum again to see if they are truly interested in taking the rhino horn and ivory tusks for educational purposes only and to have a written agreement with a clause that if they do sell these item, that 1000 Islands would receive 30% of the profits. Hietpas amended the motion for 1000 Islands to receive 50% of the profits. Gertz seconded the motion with Hietpas' amendment. Motion passed.

Pautz then made a motion that if the Milwaukee Zoo or Museum does not want these items per our agreement that Nowak has permission to continue seeking out other avenues. Second by Driessen. Motion passed.

Buildings & Grounds

Now that the baseball diamond restrooms are closed, a portable toilet has been ordered and will be placed at the end of the parking lot for people to use when the Center is closed. Van Berkel made a motion to pay \$753.00 for the portable toilet. Second by McGregor. Motion passed.

Deck replacement. The Site Manager gathered quotes to replace the deck on the East side of the building that is deteriorating. Lowest quote is from Lowe's and we could get an additional 15% off if 1000 Islands signs up for a company credit card. Van Berkel made a motion to proceed with the quote from Lowe's and to apply for the credit card to receive an additional 15% off. Second by Gertz. Motion passed.

Old Business

Kalupa asked if there have been any complaints and/or concerns of closing the building on Sunday and Monday. No complaints or concerns have been received by the staff.

New Business

Nothing.

Good for the Center

The Friends are collecting Christmas string lights to help bring awareness of proper recycling and as a fundraiser.

We are writing Fleet Farm and Scheels to see if they will donate fishing poles for the Center since our existing stock of poles are deteriorating.

Next Committee Meeting is Thursday, November 15th at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business, Driessen moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Hietpas. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.