

Minutes for 1000 Islands Environmental Center Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 18, 2021 via Zoom

Members Present: Carlson, Hietpas (arrived 6:38), Jakel, Manion, McGinnis, Pautz, and Van Berkel

Not Present: Gertz and McGregor

Also Present: Deb Nowak and Maureen Feldt

The meeting was called to order via Zoom by Vice-Chair, Manion at 6:35 PM. Quorum is present.

January 2021 Committee Meeting Minutes

Van Berkel made a motion to approve the January 21, 2021 Committee Meeting minutes. Seconded by McGinnis. Motion carried.

Public Appearances

None

January Financial Reports

Discussion on budget numbers not showing up yet and question on building rental amount. Pautz made a motion to approve the January 2021 Financial Report. Seconded by Van Berkel. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Memorials and donations received in the past month were shared. A thank you note from Diana Driessen's daughter for the memorial donation was read by Nowak.

Friends of 1000 Islands Report

The Friends have not met in 2021 yet. Maple syrup season will be starting soon and a stainless steel sap holding tank was fabricated and donated by Bassett Mechanical.

The spring art fair has been postponed until fall with the hopes that the pandemic calms down to be able to reschedule. No date has been set yet.

Naturalist's Report

Legacy Wall – The new Legacy Wall will be installed on Tuesday, February 23rd.

Site Manager Position – No one has applied for the position and the deadline has been extended. An ad will be placed in the Times Villager for the open position and Manion suggested to put a "Help Wanted" sign in both the building entrance kiosk and outside kiosk. Nowak will re-post the job opening on the 1000 Islands Facebook page and website.

McGinnis made a motion to accept January's Naturalist report and place it on file. Seconded by Pautz. Motion carried.

COVID-19 Update

Nowak proposed that the Nature Center lobby to open on Tuesday, March 2 and that the entire building to open on March 30th with a limit of 25 people at one time in the building. Nowak proposed

that building rentals to resume on June 1st. The Committee agreed with the proposed opening dates for the Nature Center per Nowak's suggestions.

Admin and Finance Committee
Nothing to report.

Education Committee
The Committee did not meet, but Pautz received the okay from the Community Foundation to utilize the remaining grant money for the upcoming Goat Coordinator's position in June. The goat committee met and modified the job description and pay rate to align with the remaining grant balance of \$1,230.00.

Buildings & Grounds Committee
Nelson Overlook renovations are complete, but there seems to be confusion for some visitors on which driveway is for entering vs exiting. McGinnis will contact the street superintendent to see if an entrance and exit sign can be installed.

Old Business
Strategic Planning Steering Committee had an initial meeting to discuss how to move forward and timing to complete the strategic planning process.

New Business
Nothing to report.

Good for the Center
Nothing to report.

Next 1000 Islands Environmental Center Committee Meeting
Next Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 18, 2021; 6:30 PM in the Nature Center building.

Adjournment
There being no further business McGinnis moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 PM. Seconded by Jakel. Motion carried.

Maureen Feldt,
Acting Secretary