

Minutes for 1000 Islands Environmental Center Committee Meeting on Thursday, May 20, 2021

Members Present: Carlson, Gertz, Hietpas, Jakel, Manion, McGregor, McGinnis, Pautz, and Van Berkel

Not Present: Eggleston

Also Present: Deb Nowak and Maureen Feldt

The meeting was called to order by Chair, McGregor at 6:30 PM. Quorum is present.

April 2021 Committee Meeting Minutes

McGinnis made a motion to waive the reading of the Minutes and approve the April 15, 2021 Committee Meeting minutes. Seconded by Manion. Motion carried.

Public Appearances

None

April Financial Report

Gertz made a motion to approve the April 2021 Financial Report. Seconded by Jakel. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Feldt shared two memorials received last month and Nowak shared a thank you note from a Seedling Sale customer.

Friends of 1000 Islands Report

The Friends committee met on Monday, April 19th and May 17th. Preparations are starting for the Art Fair on September 12th. The committee is looking for ways to increase memberships and what additional benefits that could be offered. The Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, June 21st and attendees will be able to see the goat and learn about how they are helping to control invasive species.

Naturalist's Report

Seasonal Help: Our seasonal employee will start in June and be full-time at the Nature Center for the summer. We will post the Site Manager position again in July. The eaglets are still doing well and a better monitoring site has been found.

Pautz made a motion to accept April's Naturalist Report and place it on file. Seconded by Hietpas. Motion carried.

Admin and Finance Committee

Van Berkel reviewed the Pavilion Agreement and recommended several updates. A draft of the updated Pavilion Agreement will be included in the June meeting packets for and approval at the Committee meeting.

Pautz made a motion to accept the Strategic Planning Steering committee's recommendation to replace the word "between" and replace it with "among" in the 1000 Islands Mission Statement.

Seconded by Jakel. Motion carried. The Mission Statement now reads: To provide children, adults and families the knowledge and skills needed to build a sustainable balance among the environment, economy and community through education, conservation and recreation.

Education Committee

The goats will be on-site June 14 – 25th.

Buildings & Grounds Committee

Gertz made a motion to accept the Building and Grounds Sub-Committee's recommendation for Appleton Sign Company to construct and install a three-sided kiosk, including graphics and a bio on David L. Nelson at the Nelson Overlook for \$6,145.00. Seconded by McGinnis. Motion carried.

Memorial Bench Placements: Nowak has an inventory of all memorial bench placements and can use her own judgement for any future bench placements.

Old Business

Strategic Planning: The workshop is set for Monday, June 14 from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Invitations were sent out to a select group of community member for this workshop. So far approximately 150 surveys have been completed.

Gertz made a motion to accept the February 10, 2021 Strategic Planning Steering Committee meeting minutes and place it on file. Seconded by Jakel. Motion carried.

New Business

Nothing to report.

Good for the Center

Nowak meet with a former Kaukauna teacher who is planning on giving a donation to the Nature Center.

Nowak will be planning a meet and greet for the Committee's newest member, Jennie Eggleston.

The wood for the Eagle Scout Fishing Pier project will be delivered next week and he is looking for help to build the new deck.

Next Committee Meeting

Next Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 17, 2021; 6:30 PM

Adjournment

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

Maureen Feldt,
Acting Secretary