

Friends of Punderson Membership Meeting
June 18, 2008 at Chalet

Present: Sandy Swann, Bev Fischbach, Norm Swann, Norm and Nancy Owens, Nick Fischbach, Lorraine Himmelein, Don Pizmoht, Liz Hill, Marshall Hill, Dave Kellogg, Jim Burtchin, Katrina Haas

Topic: Update from interim Board President from Katrina Haas

Future meetings will have a similar agenda as tonight's:

1. committee reports,
2. old news,
3. new news.

Discussed that as an organization, small, but mighty, we are on track to continued growth and success. Our initial success was sparked because of a need due to funding cut backs that impact Punderson and a vision to make the park better for residents and campers. Some of our challenges include developing a vision, mobilizing the support of others, and converting the idea into action. To be successful we need to establish a starting point, set realistic expectations, recognize when we are out of sync, depersonalize our weakness will make us more effective.

Topic: Finance from Dave Kellogg

Balance at last meeting was \$5421. Had two ice cream socials; pop corn sales from the movies. The group has earned \$387 since last meeting. Expense for website, work in the nature center and pond and open house totaled \$641.84. New balance is \$5166.82.

Topic: Recruitment/Development by Katrina Haas

No chair. Recruitment and development (fundraising) needs to be a top priority of the group and we need to focus in this area so we can achieve our project goals.

Topic: Website and Newsletter from Sandy Swann

Website has a new address: www.friendsofpunderson.com, not .org because of problems with the domain. Needed for the website is pictures of rest of the sites; preferable with camping equipment set up so visitors have a point of reference; map of Punderson; all committee members with friendsofpunderson.com email addresses; new picture of the check-in/out and nature center; pictures of accomplished projects.

Goal is to published the newsletter on a quarterly basis. The next newsletter, Summer, will come out on July 18, 2008. All articles need to be submitted by July 11, 2008 to Sandy.

Topic: Park Facility/Campground

No chair. No news from Norm.

Topic: Events

1. July 5th, 2008 – People, Pet & Bike Parade. Will need volunteers for the event.
2. Every Saturday in July will hold Ice Cream Socials between 1 – 3pm. 3 Volunteers are needed. Please let Dave Kellogg know if you will be volunteering.
 - a. July 5th
 - b. July 12th
 - c. July 19th

- d. July 26th
3. August 23rd is Paddle Quest – an event held in conjunction with ODNR and Gander Mountain. Gander Mountain will be providing demo's of their equipment. Possibility for us to sell items, if it is held at the beach. This topic will be tabled for our next meeting.
 - a. We discussed the possibility of Gander Mountain donating a kayak that we could sell raffle tickets – as our summer fundraiser. Nick and Norm will check into the possibility.
4. Fall Fundraiser – was tabled until our next meeting.

Topic: Natural/History Update

No update from the naturalist. Committee mentioned that guests have been upset that the nature center isn't open when they arrive. Need to recruit more volunteers to help station the center. This will allow PSP to inform the public about hours of operation.

Topic: Support Groups

No news to report.

Topic: Revision of Committees by Katrina Haas

Upon review the by-laws there are three committees that need to be in existence.

1. Executive – consisting on the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasure. The group is in need of an interim VP, Sec. and Treasure until a membership vote in October.
2. Audit – to review the books. A new committee is to form every October. No one volunteered. Need to determine a process for reviewing our financials.
3. VIP – Volunteer in the Park Committee. Since we are a small group, we've decided to set this committee aside.

The group determined our focus until October to include:

1. Recruitment. This will be done through the Recruitment/Development Committee. Current committee members are: Katrina, Bev, and Sandy.

Topic: Top priorities

We reviewed a list of needs that Punderson staff has compiled. From the list our top priorities for the year are:

1. Striping the basketball and tennis courts.
2. Recruitment/Fundraising Committee
 - a. New members
 - b. Corporate sponsors and naming opportunities
 - c. Grant writing
3. Projects:
 - a. Striping the tennis and basketball courts. Jim is looking into companies and will receive quotes.
 - b. Playground equipment. Cost is \$22,000.
 - c. Professionalizing nature center displays. Katrina will research grants that apply to our organization and our needs.

Topic: Requests by Norm

1. Turn in forms
2. Keep track of volunteer hours

Topic: Next Meeting. Changed date to third Tuesday of the month.

Since our meeting, we have recruited a secretary who's best days are the second Tuesday or Wednesday of the month.

Minutes typed by: Katrina Haas*

*Please let me know if there needs to be modifications to these minutes. Specifically, spelling of last names and last names in general.