

Friends of Punderson Park

October 14, 2008

Sandy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Sandy announced that Katrina Haas has stepped down as President due to personal reasons. Sandy will be conducting the meeting tonight in her place. Also, Jan could not attend the meeting due to a personal schedule conflict so Sandy will be taking the minutes too (per Norm's request.)

Present: Norm Swann; Nick Fischbach; Beverly Fischbach; Don Pizmoht; Phyllis Pizmoht; Liz Hill; Marshall Hill; David Kellogg; Chris Seminatore; and Sandy Swann.

Review and tentative approval of September meeting minutes. Some members did not receive the September meeting minutes via e-mail; Norm passed around one copy to be reviewed.

Old Business:

- David Kellogg commented on how nice the web site looked. Discussed the donation page and so far no one has contributed to pay pal. Sandy discussed putting the rest of the campground pictures on the web site and the trail work on the web site – Chris said it is o.k. to acknowledge the donation of the excavator by Spear's Chardon Tractor and to give it a dollar amount of \$750. David requested Sandy to check about a "hit counter" on the website to see how many times it has been visited.
- Marshall led discussion about our funds. It was decided that since our funds are limited and not abundant that we would put a large project like the play ground equipment on hold and try to focus on more attainable goals.
- Don and Chris discussed the trail work. Thanks to the work conducted on September 13th and 14th the trail can be raced on by dog sleds. Chris and Don said it is 60% completed – but is good enough to race on as is. They discussed the value of the excavating equipment and said it was given a value of \$750. They would like the Friends Group to send a Thank you letter to Bill Spear's for the donation. Nick Fischbach agreed to draft and send a Thank you letter.
- Marshall and Liz Hill discussed the Halloween event this past Saturday. Everyone agreed that it was a success and positive feedback was given to all the volunteers who organized, set up and worked at the event. Marshall provided a spread sheet with the schedule of events; how they went; and recommendations for next year's event. It was suggested that we need more volunteers for an event like this. Sandy suggested scaling down some of the games and crafts that way if some of the volunteers don't show up (which is what happened this year) then it will not be a burden for the volunteers who do show up. This event not only covered its costs but also net about \$200 (?) A 50/50 raffle was conducted and netted \$25. I will attach Marshall's recommendations with these minutes for review.
- There was a raffle: weekend of camping at Punderson, 4 rounds of golf at Punderson and Sunday Brunch at the Manor House. Everything was donated and the raffle netted us \$174.00 . The winner was selected on September 16th and has not picked up the prize. It was decided to contact him one more time to select the prize and give him a deadline (November 1st) to pick up the prize. If he does not do this by the deadline then another winner will be drawn. Sandy will e-mail Pat Beebe with this request. Discussion was made to do more raffles since there is no cost to the group especially if the prizes are donated or if it is a 50/50 raffle.

Treasury Report:

- David Kellogg reported that since the last report – the FOP account balance was \$5769.83; the Raffle, Halloween event, Donation Boxes, and Pipe Safes have brought in \$412.72; the only expenses were for the Halloween Event - \$58.94 – Leaving a final new balance of \$6123.61.

New Business:

- Nominations and voting was done for new FOP Officers. The election resulted as follows:
President – Sandy Swann
Vice President – Liz Hill
Treasurers – Beverly Fischbach and Phyllis Pizmohr
Secretary – Janine Rybka
- Sandy asked what it would take to get the Trails to 100%. Don and Chris said they need chips put down and a chipper would cost about \$75 per day. The FOP approved to pay for a chipper. Norm spoke up and said he'd rather not have chips because it is only temporary. Norm said they can provide free asphalt grinding for the trail. Don and Chris were o.k with the free grindings. The money approval will be on hold until all the free supplies are exhausted – then it will be brought back to the group. Also, the trails need permanent trail markers. Several ideas were tossed about from painted/wood markers to pvc pipes. Don and Chris is going to get a price estimate for trail markers.
- Chris discussed that on November 15th they would like to set up at Punderson and have a “Club Day” for the Siberian Husky Club of Cleveland. Sandy requested if they would put together a poster with the pictures of the trail work and acknowledge the FOP support for this. Don and Chris agreed that they could do this. Further discussion about the Dog Sled Race in January was conducted and the tentative dates are January 10 and 11, 2009. Sandy said she would put both events on the Web Site. A request was made to set up a booth at the pro shop to advertise and promote the FOP membership. It was decided to do a 50/50 raffle. Bev agreed to man the booth but a request is out for other volunteers to help.
- David Kellogg reminded the group that the Statewide Legacy Grants are available and the deadline is February for the Grant Request.
- Norm announced the Statewide Friends Group meeting is November 8th at Alum Creek for anyone who is interested in going.
- Members suggested advertising the Web Site at the Park Entrance. Everyone agreed that this would be a good idea. Norm had discussed he tried to do this at the Halloween event but not too many people noticed the site because it kept going to sleep – need to think of other ways of getting the web site out to the public. Sandy suggested a digital frame at the park office and campground counter tops.
- Marshall discussed the benefit of having Corn Hole and Hillbilly Golf games at the Campground for our events and other use. He discussed that 2 Corn Hole games and 2 Hillbilly Golf games could be purchased for about \$250. It was also discussed that he could build these for even less this amount. A motion was made by Chris for the FOP provide a budget of \$250 Marshall to build these games. Phyllis second. All in favor – no opposition.
- A discussion for plastic bins to organize the upstairs of the Nature Center. A recommendation was made to allow \$75 go towards purchasing a supply of bins. A motion was made by Sandy for approval. Phyllis second. All in favor – no opposition.

- Marshall brought up that the basketball court at the Campground needs striping. Marshall said an athletic director said there is a kit for \$139.00. Norm brought up that the court at the beach needs another back board and striping and the tennis courts need striped. Sandy asked for Marshall to get an estimate for how much it would cost to have someone to do the courts.
- David brought up that we need volunteers in the spring to do the following:
 - Work on the Ohio Garden
 - Have a clean-up day – maybe do it during Earth Day
 - Steps needed on the camp sites with hills: 54,56,58,118, and 124. Nick said an Eagle Scout has plans to work on this for his project.
- Norm discussed the Audubon project. FOP group agreed this needs to be started. Sandy suggested inviting Chip to the next meeting so that we can get his input and direction.
- Norm / Nick discussed the Frisbee Golf and the need for our group to be involved with this project.

Meeting was adjourned by Liz Hill; second by Don Pizmoht.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Sandy Swann