

Friends of Whitefish Dunes Park

Board meeting 6/27/13

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 in the Shelter Building.

Present: Max, Carl, Bill, Brian, Janyce and Charles Beyer, Dale, Mary, Don, Adele, Judy and Patrick Fitzgerald, Carolyn, Lynn

The agenda was approved (Max/Bill)

The minutes were approved (Max, Bill)

Because Lynn has experienced difficulty in accessing the treasurer's data, the financial report was limited. A colleague is helping her access the Quickbook account. As of 6/27/13 she reports sales of \$10,275 since July 1, 2012. This is almost \$5,000 less than the previous year. The loss in the first six months of 2013 is \$38 due to extensive purchase of inventory for the store. Checkbook balance is about \$22,000 of which about \$3-5,000 is restricted. The limited treasurer's report was approved. (Mary/Max)

Park report: Don noted that alewives are back. Sam is the new ranger. A few other employees from previous years are back. The park manager's position has been "listed." Candidates may soon be invited to interview.

Lynn reported that some books have been sold out and asked permission to order more. A motion to give a blanket order to reorder up to \$1,000 of new books was approved. (Max/Bill)

The staffing of the Friend's store remains an issue; when park staff are not in the nature center, merchandise cannot be sold. Lynn will set up a training session to show volunteers how to operate the cash register. It was suggested that Challoner would be the best trainer.

Bench update. One is being made for Lynn's parents. Others will also be produced and dedicated.

Candlelight Walk is scheduled for Aug. 17. This will be the 12th annual event, and will last from 7 to 9pm. Volunteers will be needed to set out candles, keep the store open, and collect candles at the end.

Clothing sale update. Can hardly keep up with the stenciled beach-scene models.

Raibrook grant for grooming equipment has been approved by the board. The needed equipment will be ordered prior to the next skiing season.

New responsibilities: Brian will handle soda machine business. Lynn will take care of deposits, she is now more appreciative of all that Amy handled in the past. Mary will handle mailings, with Lynn providing labels.

New board members. Judy and Patrick Fitzgerald were nominated for board positions. Approved Dale/Bill. Janyce Beyer was also nominated to join the board, she has programming experience. Approved Mary/Bill.

Membership drive, open house. This has tentatively been scheduled for July 21, a Saturday, but an alternate date could also be considered. Gayle Soucek will be present to sell/sign her books. Carol Higgins is also willing to come and do stencils. The idea of having local musicians was also considered.

The possibility of involving some of the international workers and the Greenheart program was briefly discussed. However when the issue of transportation was considered, it was declared to be not very workable. The gentleman who proposed it, David Detert, will see if another location, Ridges, Peninsula Park, Newport Park(?) might be a better site since most of the foreign workers are located in Fish Creek or further north. This might be a concept to consider another year.

Next meeting, 18 July at 4:30.

Motion to adjourn 7pm (Max/?