

Friends of Shakamak
Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2017

In attendance: Kenna Duguay, Diane Pine, Wayne Pine, Karen Williams, Shana Cash, Derrick Cash, Jeff Griffith,, Brandi Courville, Karen Ruggles, Janeen Walters

Derrick called the meeting to order.

Past Meeting Minutes

Shana read the January meeting minutes. February was the FOS Annual Social & Friendraiser so there were no meeting minutes. Diane motioned to accept the minutes as read; Wayne second.

Treasurer's Report

Shana read the Treasurer's Report. FOS made \$1089.07 at the annual meeting. Expenses came in at \$441.45. There are still a few more expenses to come from food and set-up. The FOS website is redesigned and hosting paid through 2019. FOS was awarded the Arts in the Park grant from the Indiana Arts Commission and a WIN Energy grant for a half court basketball court in the campground. Karen motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report; Jeff second.

Old Business

Annual Social & Friendraiser. The group discussed the FOS Annual Social & Friendraiser: what worked and what needs improving. We needed to set up more tables and chairs because we had such a great turnout, about 200 people. Many boy scouts and cub scouts attended with families joining the FOS. A professor from ISU attended as well and has since reached out to propose a student leader to join the FOS this year. Diane suggested changing the set-up of the entry into the event in order to help the sign-up process. As always, we could've used more volunteers. After the event, we garnered many more Facebook "likes" totaling 540. Does the FOS has a PA system in the Nature Center? This would've been useful as would have the donations bucket. Karen sent thank you cards to those who donated items for the event.

The group discussed making contact with new members potentially via post-card throughout the year as well as using Facebook and email.

Volunteers. Kenna welcomes volunteers to design bulletin boards for the park. There are still many volunteer positions open within the FOS. Diane Pine offered to be the FOS Volunteer Coordinator.

Samm I Am Arts in the Park. Interested participants need to call the park main office to sign-up for classes. Classes are free, but there is still a gate fee. Participation is on a first come, first served basis.

FOS Music in the Park. FOS needs to identify musicians to play at Christmas in July and the Fall Festival. Ideally, we would like to find musicians with a tie to the park.

Marsh Madness. Thanks to all who volunteered and helped the Friends of Goose Pond!

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Long Fish Dash, April 22, 2017. The course will go from Trail 1 to Trail 2 through the horse trail and north of the gate (Need to confirm). FOS are thankful for the ROOTS running group. This year we will offer beanies instead of t-shirts to participants. The registration is now up on the FOS webpage with a form for sponsors. Sponsors will be recognized via banners as well as in the FOS newsletters, Facebook page, and website. Tony and/or Nicole are good candidates for the Event Coordinator here. The ROOTS group will reach out to past sponsors, while the FOS members will reach out to new sponsors. The Good Samaritan Society in Jasonville offered to serve as a sponsor. Brandi offered to send letters to local school cross country/track and field teams. Contact school FFA/4-H photography students to potentially serve as event photographers.

Easter Egg Hunt. Karen Ruggles and Janeen Walters from the Good Samaritan Society offered to partner with the FOS for the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the park. Diane motioned to partner with the Good Samaritan Society, and Karen second. The group discussed having separate areas for different age groups as well as for children with special needs. We are looking to hide 4000 eggs. The Good Samaritan Society can coordinate the Easter bunny and special prizes.

Amphitheater. Kenna discussed the addition of electricity to the non-electric camping area. As part of this initiative the park would like to build an amphitheater for future events in this area. The group discussed sponsoring an Eagle Scout project dedicated to this initiative. We are waiting on a projected budget.

National Volunteer Week. The park intends to create a Centennial Legacy Area with a 3x5 ft rock with plaque and bench. Volunteers will be needed for this project.

Movies in the Park. Events to host movies in 2017 include the First Day Hike, Boy Scout Spring Campari, Christmas in July, Fall Festival as well as a special screening of Jaws. The rights to advertise and screen Jaws is between \$75 and \$100. Wayne made a motion for the FOS to cover this cost; Jeff second.

Christmas in July Fireworks. Kenna asked the FOS to support \$500 worth of fireworks to do a test run for safety prior to the Christmas in July festival. Wayne made a motion for the FOS to cover this cost; Jeff second. The FOS could use this event to promote FOS memberships.

Bottle Caps. The collection of bottle caps is on hold until further notice. Students of Kenna Slough are going through the caps at school.

Wayne motioned to adjourn the meeting; Shana second.