

LAWRENCE NATURE CENTER COMMITTEE

Minutes of August 3, 2009 Meeting

Attendance: Pam Mount, Steve Groeger, Jim, Amy Hnasko, Ben Muszi, Rick Dutko, Helen Dutko, Anne Demairas

Volunteers for Labor Day: Rider students are looking to work. We discussed possible projects. The elimination of the multiflora roses is an ongoing job. The trail from the Eldridge Park Meadowbrook Park to Drexel Avenue is in need of more wood chips. Work on the fencing and posts for the bees. A trail under the row of pine trees at the edge of the meadow could be cleared.

Mary Jane Trimmer: Steve reports that the township has received \$300 or so for the nature center in memory of Mary Jane.

Books Donated: Rick reported that Dawn VandenHeuvel, a Lawrence elementary teacher, has retired and has donated boxes of books to the center.

Environmental Magician: Steve reports that an environmental magician has offered to do a short performance at one of our events.

The Summer Camp: Ben and Anna Bosted are working at our summer camp which has about twenty 2-5 graders, from 9 to 4 daily.

Publicity: Steve will be able to set up email "blasts" to those who sign up at our programs. It was also suggested that we court the new Lawrence Ledger editor.

Signs: Rick reports that we will be able to have larger signs on Lawrence Road.

\$: It would be good to be able to hire someone for special programs, and to have a small fund for summer family night expenses.

PS. Last night's Art Night with Anthony Colavita and Sue Kiley was very successful. Over 40 kids and 20 adults were busy making necklaces using copper pendants which they embossed and a selection of beads, some of which they also made. Pretzels and fruit were enjoyed afterward.