

LAWRENCE NATURE CENTER

MINUTES APRIL 14, 2010

In Attendance: Helen Dutko, Steve Groeger, Madeline Price, John Gaston, Teresita Heron, Mike Erdie, Lisa Ilaria, Anne Demarais, Rick Dutko, Carol Nicholas, Heidi D'Ascoli, Sue Hermann, John Harris and Nate Harris, Nick Bosted and Mrs. Bosted

Eagle Projects:

- Nick Bosted presented his idea for improving the bee hive. He will make a small fence around the hive, put slate down to stop grass growth, plant lavender and nectar flower perennials. The committee discussed if the hive should be moved to a quieter place along the hedgerow. Nick will discuss with Tahirih, and perhaps set up stakes to demarcate a new mowing path to give the hive more protection away from the path.
- Rick discussed other scouts who have ideas for projects. A bird feeding station with landscaping off of the future deck area is being discussed.

Earth Day:

- Carol Nicholas reported that 22 groups have confirmed tables. The Township will have tables delivered on Friday and stored in the kitchen close to the back patio.
- 2 bands will perform; a scout troop may provide food but it is not confirmed yet; hike at 1 pm; movie at 1:30; animal show at 3pm.
- Set up at 11:30. We would appreciate a good turn out to help set up and take down.
- Steve Groeger will see if there is a township Sam's Club membership so a tent can be purchased. It is lightweight, aluminum frame, has flaps on 3 sides if needed, and comes in a storage bag for \$197.54.
- Steve said public works will help to clean up the property before the 24th. Police will monitor traffic at Drexel/Fernwood.
- Heidi D'Ascoli will buy balloons and put sign on 206.
- Teresita Heron has sent in articles to all the papers and will distribute the updated flyer. Carol will follow up with Lea Kahn again, to see if we can get an article in the Ledger.

Family Night:

- Anne Demarais reported that all 9 Tuesday programs are scheduled. Anne will have a flyer ready for Earth Day at the nature center table.
- Please call Anne and sign up to be a co-host.

Old Business:

- Rick Dutko worked with Jerry D'Ascoli and they ordered a Lawrence Nature Center banner for \$85 which will be ready in time for Earth Day.
- The by-laws have been distributed. Please read them as that will be the focus of the May meeting.

- Lisa Ilaria announced she is stepping down as Vice President. Rick announced he is stepping down as President. Anne is stepping down as Treasurer. Please consider stepping up to a leadership position to help keep things going.
- S.A.V.E. worked with Rick to clear invasive species on April 10th. A great amount of property was completed. Great Job everyone! Volunteers Teresita, John and Sue Hermann pruned and cleared brush around the house on the 10th. They made a huge dent in what needs to be done, but there is still more cleanup to do.

New Business:

- La Leche League donated \$100 to the center for the use of the house. Carol will send a thank you note.
- The Garden Gate Garden Club donated \$100 for any project needed. Rick will send a thank you note.