

Lawrence Nature Center Minutes

1/12/11

Attendance: Anne Demarais, Rick Dutko, Helen Dutko, Carol Nicholas, Linda Burroughs, Dave Bosted, John Gaskins, Steve Groeger, Linda Townsend, Sue Herrman.

- Two of our wonderful volunteers passed away since we last met. Larry Beaver died December 23rd, and Ralph Copleman died January 6th. The group agreed that we will honor and remember them at this year's Earth Day in some way. Please contact Carol if you have ideas on how to honor them.

Projects:

- John relayed that a scout has contacted Teresita and requested permission to do an Eagle project at the nature center. The committee asked that he bring his proposal and present it for approval. He has already sent the proposal to Steve Groeger.
- Nick Bosted is writing up his proposal to present to Scout Council.
- S.A.V.E. would like to build a 3' x 18' bridge over the ditch near the stream. Rick Dutko will be their advisor. It may possibly connect with the boardwalks Elliot is building. They hope to build the bridge in February.
- The committee decided we need to develop a procedure to handle requests for funding when scouts or organizations want to do projects on the property.

By-Laws

- Carol will re-contact her accountant friend who volunteered to help complete the 501-c3 paperwork.

Earth Day:

- Committee decided to avoid the usual dates in April to see if attendance increases. Saturday, May 7th 1-5 pm was selected.
- Carol agreed to Chair the event and welcomes new ideas, and helpers.
- Steve will contact Notre Dame to arrange parking.
- Linda B. will contact Glen Freeman to see if he can do a mushroom walk. She will also contact Mark Meyer to do a beneficial insect talk. She also has a friend who does talks on "trash to toy", recycling stuff into toys.
- Carol will contact Sustainable Lawrence to see if they are interested in doing a joint event.
- Will try to have times of activities and walks advertised and posted.
- Linda T. will see if Girl Scouts are interested in doing food.
- Carol will contact Mountain View band to see if they are interested in playing again.
- Carol asked committee to think of how much we should budget for this event.
- Linda suggested doing Geo Cashing.
- Think of names to call this event. Since it is Mother's Day weekend, could make Mother a theme. ie. Mother Earth, Mother Nature. Call Carol with your ideas.

Upcoming Programs:

- Rick Dutko will lead the following programs this winter/spring at the Lawrence Nature Center, except for June 12th which will be at the Trenton Marsh.

Saturday, January 29	8 am	Winter Walk
Saturday, February 26	9 am	All Bark-No Bytes Identify Trees in Winter
Saturday March 19	9 am	Scuts, Sliders, Stinkpots of Spring - Turtles
Sunday May 15	9 am	Warbling Wonders
Sunday June 12	1 pm	Trenton Marsh - Damsels and Dragons

New Business:

- Linda T. has to move the bank account from Sovereign Bank to Wells Fargo due to balance restrictions.
- John would like to develop times the nature center is open on a regular basis.