

FLNC MEETING MINUTES, January 11, 2012

Attendees: Max Reitz & Mr. Reitz, Virginia Tomat, Giovanna Tomat-Kelly, Helen Dutko, Rick Dutko, Linda Townsend, Dave Bosted, Sue Herrmann, Anne Demarais, John Gaskins, Steve Groeger.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS

Max Reitz is going to do the work for his Eagle Scout project at the LNC on March 10-11 (March 17-18 is the rain date.) He will clear a trail from the kiosk to the current trailhead & put up identification posts, signs, & benches.

Ryan Persichilli's Eagle Scout project will entail informational kiosks and will not require any LNC money.

Nick Bosted's Eagle Scout project will involve moving the beehive and constructing a fence and garden around it. He has been discussing this with Tahirih Smith and waiting on scout council approval.

Rick has suggested to Matt Friedfeld that he construct boardwalks as his Eagle Scout project.

Andrew Moldoff's project will involve bridges or platforms to span the dips on the blue trail near the "pebble beach" along the Shabakunk.

Eliot Nagele, Ryan Smith, and Alan Takasugi will get their Eagle Scout Awards at their Eagle Court of Honor on Friday, January 13, 2012.

EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Rick's Full Moon hike was an unprecedented success with about 150 attendees. Most participants had a good time. In the future, we may require registration to prevent the numbers from getting too large and/or to allow us to prepare ahead of time for such a crush of people.

Rick/ Steve will notify Greg Whitehead about the ruts in the driveway and we may want to demarcate the boundary of the driveway to prevent the neighbor from essentially extending his lawn to narrow it.

The bench dedicated to Eileen Katz will stay at Mercer County Park Northwest.

Rick announced that he is adding a geocaching program for kids ages 9 -12 to our schedule of events.

Steve suggested that all our programs should have registration to control the numbers and that we should consider charging a fee for some programs.

Linda proposed that we pay the "Philadelphia Zoo on Wheels" to do a program for preschool to 2nd grade students on Saturday March 24th. The title of the program will be "Fur, Feathers, Scales, and Skin." The board voted unanimously to allocate up to \$375 to do up to two sessions of the program on that day. It was further agreed that we require registration and charge \$3 per person, payable ahead of time. Steve noted that we need a certificate of insurance from the Philadelphia Zoo listing the LNC and Lawrence Township. He will determine the capacity of the building as per fire safety regulations and Linda will finalize the information and send it off to Teresita so she can do the publicity.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Sue gave the education committee report. Ms. Sherry Schweigherdt, will present a program for parents and the community about adolescents and children with ADHD as part of

her Temple University doctoral research project on Saturday, February 11th, from 2-3 PM. Once Sue gets the materials, she will forward a flyer to Teresita to do the publicity.

Lawrence Day School has asked us to do a program for 20-25 three and four year olds. Linda and Sue may be available and will work out the details for a program the morning of Presidents' Day, February 20.

Tahirih Smith would like to have a Green Mapping party at the LNC in January or February as part of the Green Mapping Grant from Sustainable Jersey involving Lawrence, Princeton, Montgomery, and Hillsborough.

Sue passed around information on two allied events, Envirothon 2012 on May 5th and the Lawrence Science and Engineering Fair on February 25th.

CALENDARS AND SCHEDULING

An in depth discussion of how to handle the email lists, website posting process, and document editing process is postponed until the next meeting.

The calendars and scheduling situation were discussed. It was generally agreed that only public LNC events should go on the "GO LNC 2012" online calendar. Steve said that people should reserve with the Recreation Department the entire time block they need for set up, the event itself, and cleaning up afterwards. This refers to the in-house Google Calendar for date/time reservations.

ADDITIONAL TOPICS

Steve said our laptop has been delayed but should be shipped by January 24th. We discussed installing a locking mechanism for the whole file cabinet. Steve said he would work out something to ensure that the laptop is secure against theft.

It was agreed that the fencing from former Princeton University President Robert Goheen's residence could go in the garage for now.

It was generally agreed that we should substitute the current lock on the shed for a combination lock.

Carol Nicholas has a large file of LNC history. It was generally agreed that these should be both copied and scanned onto our computer. The Board voted to approve her purchase of plastic sleeves to protect the newspaper articles.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

John Gaskins, Secretary