

LAWRENCE NATURE CENTER COMMITTEE
Minutes of January 5, 2009 Meeting

Attendance: Jim Cordingley, Ben Muzi, Anne Demarais, Pam Mount, Carol Nicholas, Steve Groeger, Amy, Lisa Ilaria.

Nature Center News:

- Anne noticed that someone is using the tool shed and we should probably get a proper lock and fix the door securely. Steve will speak with Greg and get a padlock with the same nature center key.
- Anne brought blank permits for the deck, but we still do not have the drawings to submit with the permit. Pam will follow up with Chris to see if we can progress forward with planning the deck. Everything should be submitted to Steve who will give it to the town engineer.
- Carol will write to all scout troop heads to see if we can have a "Scout to the Rescue" day clearing out the woods of rose bushes. Ben said high school SAVE would help.
- Eriks will be starting work on the Chimney Swift tower, and hopefully have it ready for Earth Day.
- Steve asked for pictures and short articles to update the website frequently.
- Carol met an accountant who volunteered to complete the 501-c3 paperwork for us, after tax season.

Summer Programs:

- Anne will start thinking about guest speakers for the summer program. Several suggestions were made and she hopes to have it ready for Earth Day.
- Steve is preparing the spring/summer recreation brochure and will have two 2 week summer nature camps listed. He has not finished the negotiations with the cooperative extension yet, but hopes to have it finalized and in the brochure by February.

Earth Day:

- Earth Day is April 25th. Carol and Steve will work on the invitations to exhibitors to mail in February.
- Pepper has organized a poster contest with several school art teachers, and they will develop a theme and rules.
- Pepper's troop has volunteered to sell hot dogs and drinks at Earth Day.
- Pam suggested authors of nature books as participants and she will get us their contact information.
- Amy will invite Jason our Water Ambassador to do a presentation at Earth Day.
- Steve will book parking with Notre Dame, and arrange for police.
- Carol will call Heather to see if we can have free trees to hand out again.
- Anne will call Elaine Mills to see if she could do a tree talk.
- Discussed getting other speakers, possibly one with insects.