

Attending: Betsy Abert, Debby Pizur, Jackie Benka, Jody Johnson, Pam Uhrig, Lynn Meidam, Debbie Wilhelm, Todd Leech, Lynn Crawford

Security: The SMPD and WI-DNR are still checking for fishing permits along Oak Creek.

Treasurer's report from Lynn Crawford: \$18,571.76 total
Lynn also shared an estimated budget for 2019 which we discussed.

Totals for the Trek 'n Treat event in October are not yet complete:

Total receipts	\$813.30
Expenses	-246.37
<u>MJ Media</u>	- ???
Profit	????

We made plans for decorating a holiday tree for the South Milwaukee Festival of Trees on Dec. 7th. Trees will be ready for decorating on Nov. 27th.

Betsy Abert has tabled an application for a \$5K Southeast Wisconsin Watershed Trust grant. She has been in contact with parks administration about her grant proposal, and is waiting for their response and hopefully their support as well. Her proposal to repair the eroding slope next to a ravine trail bridge across from Will-o-Way includes a steps, railing, revegetation, and runoff detention methods in protecting the stream below as well as bridge infrastructure.

Debbie Pizur applied for a \$1,500 grant to improve access to trails.

It is still unknown if the kiosks built by Eagle Scout candidates will remain in the park due to recurrent vandalism. Rick Kaiser drafted a letter requesting clarity on that given differing responses from Parks staff. We will reimburse Keith Sobczak for his recent kiosk repair costs.

We agreed to print more tote bags for the SM Winter Market on Dec. 1st. A new design will include our new logo. Jody Johnson shared quotes from City Screen Print & Embroidery: Option 2 was agreeable, 14"x15"x4", 12 oz. gusseted canvas. We plan to order 50 bags. Cost will be \$252 plus set up.

Instead of hosting a holiday open house this year, Betsy proposed we assist with a Christmas Bird Count program on Sunday, Dec. 16th, sponsored by Wehr Nature Center. Wehr has reserved the clubhouse in light of closure at their facility for reconstruction. Our part would be to have our information table, calendar and tote bag sales, etc. Betsy hopes to have an owl prowl. A potluck lunch with hot soups or chili, and plenty of hot beverages for the bird count participants and the public. More details to come.

We discussed changing the venue for Pullin' o' the Green for 2019. A quote for the Will-o-Way facility was \$120 for 4 hours. A discount from traditional \$360 was quoted due to

the work completed there by landscape gardeners Chris Marifke, Susan Gresser, friends and Friends of Grant. A licensed bartender, a license to sell beer/wine, and insurance thru the Park People are required. The county sheriff's department frowns on cash transactions where criminals may take advantage; thus, we cannot charge an entrance fee at the door.

Calendar Sales: Jackie Benka has \$652 in sales receipts; Pam Uhrig has \$50 more. Can we order 50 more calendars? Jody will contact Sue Hebner about this.

Our fall tree order arrived and several of us helped to plant more than 20 trees. Additional saplings were donated by Ricky Rodriguez. Tree species included Yellow birch, Redbud, White oak, and Wafer ash.

Ravine sign report: Diggers hotline and parks approved our location. Waiting for installation to happen before freezing weather sets in.

SM Winter Market is on Dec. 1st from 9 - 2 pm in the high school commons. Pam Uhrig will work the event. One more volunteer is needed.

Our next meeting will be held on December 13th.

Respectfully submitted by
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