

Minutes of Sept 14, 2016 Board Meeting

Attended: Joel Dunnette, Barb Nigon, Chuck Kernler, Dawn Littleton, Ryan Kemmerick, Sharon Kaufman, Susan Powers, Mark Stopyro Jeff Summerfield, Ruthann Yaeger

Absent: Don, Nelson

Guests: Patty Kemmerick, Brian Littleton

Agenda Items:

- 1) Meeting called to order after delicious meal courtesy of Barb.
- 2) Secretary's report from May: Approved
- 3) Treasurer's report: Received. PS has \$12,609.05 in bank now. Accepted.
 - Membership survey results asking for renewal after incorporation are now compiled and Chuck handed them out. Comments on interests should be read to see what totals tell us about what we should do in the future. Membership list discussed.
 - CPA told Chuck that PS does not need to file PS tax form for 3 yrs, so we are OK for now.
 - Chuck asked for help in sending out TY notes. Post cards will be modified. Chuck is now set up with Bremer bank in Winona to do our banking there. PSC designation is still on there, so Chuck will fix it at Bremer.

Question: Does the membership want to contribute a gift membership to other organizations for auctions or a basket, etc., even though they would get the \$25.

Motion: To donate a single membership to RPL, Stroke Walk, Strike Out Cancer, Paws & Claws, OctoberFest events. Motion passed.

Suggestion: to require volunteering for at least one event for membership. Consider for later. But board members should volunteer for PS at least once every two years at outside events. Agreed.

Old Business

- 1) PS Brochure: Ryan updated board on progress with brochure. Fonts, content and pictures were discussed. Ryan will incorporate suggestions into format and send out to all.
- 2) Summer programs - reviewed and discussed. Attendance spotty.
- 3) Fall picnic - at Jeff's place on October 8th, at 3pm. Jeff suggested a potluck, with Jeff providing hot dogs, buns, condiments and fireplace.
- 3) Cascade Meadow Native Plant Fair went very well. Good attendance, many Prairie vendors, including DNR, Master Nats, Prairie Resto., etc. and speakers were good. Lots of interest in how to start prairies. PS should have display there every year.

New Business

- 1) Burn equipment - what do we need? Walt will check equipment prices and availability with Grainger, Gemplers, etc. Board agreed that Walt can buy hoses and wands, etc. as needed to replace worn out ones. He will report results to board.
- 2) Date and venue for the annual meeting needed and speakers need to be set. Chatfield and Rochester public libraries were suggested. Ryan will look into other possible venues as well.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting TBA

R. Yaeger, sec'ty