



Friends Meeting Agenda

November 12, 2015

Minutes: The October 8, 2016 minutes were approved.

Treasury report: Darlene provided the members with a year-end budget. At this date we have \$231.98 left in our budget after paying all the bills for WAM Fest and the Fall decorations. Christmas decorations will be another expense probably around \$200. We are awaiting the \$5840 from the WI Arts Board at which point we will be in pretty good shape. Mary called the Board to see when we may be getting our grant and they didn't know due to software challenges in the new accounting system

Guest—Becky Valley, chr of the Salvation Army Bell ringers for Wabeno, asked for volunteers to help ring bells at the Krist Oil. She handed out a flyer and had a few volunteers sign up.

Phase 3 boardwalk and trail in FF grounds: Mary and Tim have worked out the design for the Boardwalk section at end of Range Line Creek to where it merges with the N Branch and estimated the costs. Material-wise (boards) we are in pretty good shape. We will need to secure more money to match the DNR/RTA grant in order to claim the whole \$45,000. We have quite a few volunteer hours to be used as in-kind match but Mary will need to calculate them as prescribed by the DNR. Additional Phase 3 Projects are the RV sites and electrical hook-ups, tenting sites, Bathhouse and water/sewer connections.

Community pride:

Winter decorations: Sue Bessert is ordering trees, has tested the lights, purchased new batteries and set a date to put trees in and another date –Dec 1st to turn lights on. Sue, Kathy, Joan, Peggy and Mary removed the mums and installed the PVC pipes on 11/9. Sue took mums to her home and will see if we can keep them going for next year. Kathy will decorate 3 trees on the Band Shell with help from Darlene and Joan. Kathy is making 9 Bows for the smaller trees on Main St.

WinterFest : The group decided not to do WinterFest this year due to other commitments.

Ambassador Project: Sue has tried to coordinate with Dawn and Chamber for an Ambassador Project welcoming new businesses and honoring old. Dawn has not gotten back to her so assume there is no interest.

2016 WAM Fest Planning: A 2016 planning meeting was held on 11/11/15 at the EssenHaus. Steve Wysocki has joined the group lending his experience in other Art Fests he's been involved with. This will be a 1 day affair and 2 stages on Aug 6th with the same musicians. Plus a rock band in the evening. The art will be 'live' art in a similar fashion as a Plein Air Competition. There will be an entry fee and a purse for 2 top awards. There will be more food choices (Vicki Pirus will be lead), more activities for children, and the Essenhaus will have their art auction.

Museum: Cherie Collins has been appointed lead on refurbishing the Museum. Mary contacted the WI Historical Society about help and they connected her to Janet Seymour at UW Eau Claire who will help with resources and design ideas.

Antique Power Association: Travis Tucker, Antique Power President, contacted Mary wanting help with the Firefighter's Grounds. He wants to do updates to buildings and grounds, build a sawmill shed, and add more childrens activities for Steam Up Days.

Friends Meeting Sign—Help Biz! Kathy said she would ask Joan if she could put Friends sign out a week before the meetings if Biz is out of town.

Other--none

Next meeting: February 11, 2016

In attendance:

Darlene Edelbeck, Sue Bessert, Becky Valley, Kathy McHugh, Jerry Diny, Mary Beck