



## **Friends Meeting Agenda**

**October 19, 2016**

1. Minutes of September 13, 2016—didn't discuss as Lynn unable to attend.
2. Treasury Report—Current Balance: \$2963.70. We have received \$1000 from FC Tourism for WAM Fest, \$2500 from Snoeyenbos Family Foundation (Carpet City) for Wabeno Park Improvement project, and \$300 from the Morehouse/Thompson Families. We have not received the WI Arts Board grant of \$4440 but should by end of year. That would give us a new total in account of \$7,403.70.
3. Update Boardwalk and Wabeno Parks Improvement Project
  - We will place an ad in the paper to recruit another site supervisor
  - If apply for AmeriCorps, will have to find additional work after elevated boardwalk completed
  - We bought materials for the entire boardwalk which was not completed. We spent all our money and then some. Our last bill leaves us \$704 short. Group voted to send Town \$704 so Argonne Lumber can be paid. We will still need more money for boardwalk as we spent about \$5000 on redoing parts of last year's trail and we want to build a gazebo where Oconto and Range Line merge.
4. Downtown decorations
  - Fall decorations—Thanks to Kathy, Joan, Darlene and Sue
  - Winter decorations—We need evergreen boughs and red twigs from red dogwood. Winter decorations will be set up November 18<sup>th</sup>. Please help Sue, Kathy and Joan if you can. Melody Krakow is donating a Balsam tree for band shell.
5. Bathhouse and other Park Improvements
  - Questionnaire—12 responses only
  - Town Board mtg—The FF Grounds subcommittee charged with developing a plan for Grounds Improvement meets with Town Board on Oct 20<sup>th</sup> to get commitment to build bathhouse. If meeting is positive, Mary will draft a letter requesting money to build by following week so can be voted on at Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> town board mtg.
6. Country Market-Kathy, Joan, Steve Nelson with UW Extension, Jill Krueger FC Health Dept. and Mary Beck are meeting Oct 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss creating a county wide marketing effort for farmer's markets in Crandon, Laona, Armstrong Creek and Wabeno. Kathy wondered about adding a quilt show to WAM Fest but group decided that would be a

good addition to the Country Market. Kathy would also like to have a knife sharpener come one weekend. We discussed ways to get early greens to the market.

7. Benches sponsorship—Terry Fritch (pipes at cost) and Glen and Shirley Scheurman (steel)—didn't discuss- but these individuals gave us free or at cost materials for boardwalk. Want to put up plaque for them.
8. Ad for Visitor's Guide—about \$200 to put ad in. Must vote on at November meeting but probably a good idea to keep Wabeno efforts and activities in forefront
9. Unincorporated and 501.c.3 . We can get a tax exempt number or FEIN # for only \$15. Then we could create our own bank account. This is also a step toward becoming a 501.c.3. You need the FEIN number to apply. Many grants require that status to apply. Josh Jameson said that we are eligible for the "short " application form because we have under \$10,000 in our account. He said there was a \$250 fee. The group thought we should apply. Mary will get the form.
10. Fundraising: A few ideas floated around—invite 100 people at \$100 per person for a wine and appetizer event in the Spring. Barb Charlton will pursue this idea. Travis Tucker and Mary talked and he is willing to work with us on a fundraiser for the FF Grounds. The GB Packer Foundation would give us t-shirts or a football to auction.
11. Planning Commission –didn't discuss much but Mary will present idea to town board.
12. Next meeting: November 17, 2016

Special note. Mary visited Tim 6 days after his quadruple bypass and found him on his riding lawn mower. He looked good and said he didn't seem to need pain killers but couldn't lift more than 10lbs for a while. He even used his leaf blower to clean leaves off the boardwalk. **THANK YOU, TIM**—what a scrappy fellow, huh.

Present: Barb Charlton, Biz McEwen, Kathy McHugh and Mary Beck

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05pm