

Friends of Wabeno

9/13/16

7:02 p.m.

Barb Charlton, Sue Bessert, Mary Beck, Joan Schertz, Kathy McHugh, Darlene Edelbeck and Lynn LaRock in attendance.

Minutes: Lynn LaRock read the minutes from the last meeting held in June. Kathy McHugh made a motion to accept the minutes as read, second by Mary Beck. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Darlene Edelbeck reported WAMFEST profit was approximately \$1294. Discussion was held concerning why the lower profit since it was a beautiful day. Darlene said there were less donors. We have a balance of \$1861.99 and the \$5400 from the Arts Board that we are waiting for yet. $\$1861.99 + \$5400 = \$7261$.

We then held a small discussion about a new idea to make money such as "Farm to Table." This idea would be to grow the items (such as the vegetables), fix the meal and have the dinner right at the farm.

Boardwalk: The AmeriCorps team didn't seem as strong as last year. The phase along the Oconto has been the tough one to work on because of the rough terrain. The piece of the trail that was in question with the DNR has been now replaced with a boardwalk and is beautiful. The team learned how to do the structure of the boardwalk there for when they got over to the Oconto phase it was easier to do for them. Whole project was 630' entering the wood to Oconto River then along Rangeline Creek. Tim Tucker has added 8' platform and a long platform by the campsite also. They also did 126' of gravel and retaining edge by the scale. Material cost for this portion was \$17,000. Mary is hoping to hear from more grants yet.

For next year: We hope to finish the last 330' and add a gazebo where Rangeline and Oconto rivers meet. We will put the benches along Rangeline yet this year.

Tim did state he did not want to be the site supervisor next year. This is a paid position for 6 weeks of work. Estimated salary is \$5000 for 6 weeks. We do need to come up with a job description. Mary may already have a draft a job description done.

Potlucks: AmeriCorps group were given potlucks and food from numerous people including Sue Bessert, Barb Charlton, Mary Beck, Barb & Greg Tallier, Pichotta's Pub & Grub.

AmeriCorps did hold a Wabeno Beautification Day which included painting basketball lines, plant flower bulbs and park equipment. The sad thing is no one showed up from Wabeno.

Downtown Decorations: Kathy McHugh and Joan Schertz reported that Raletta agreed to do the summer decorations. We have 16 planters with a cost of \$1000 to plant them. We then discussed about the cost and decided that Bruce from Flowers from the Heart will do the fall mums at a cost of \$30 per planter. Darlene will talk with him. Joan and Kathy will pull out the old plants and put in the mum plants. Kathy will call Harter's about donating the corn stalks and pumpkins like they have generously done in the past

and place them around the park September 22-23 hopefully. We then decided that Raletta will be used for the summer decorations and Bruce for the fall.

We then discussed what we would want for winter decorations that would not cost very much. We decided to gather boughs, redwood and birch for the winter decorations. Each member can grab some when they come across it in the woods for decorating. We will decorate the week before deer hunting November 14 week.

Rustic Roads: Lynn LaRock reported that the next step is for the sign placement planning. The Forest County Highway Commissioner John Rogers and the state will work together on this. John has to fill out a form and send it in to the state for the placement.

Country Market: Kathy and Joan reported that they would like to change the venue as the baseball field was not visible enough. The museum park was chosen. The new timeline will be from 10:00 – 3:00 for next year. Mary stated that the Friends of Wabeno do have a couple tents that can be used if need be. Kathy said she even has the accordion player to perform yet this year. The next dates are September 17 and October 8 and the times will be kept the same for this year from 9:00 – 3:00.

Forest County Economic Development Partnership: Mary reported that Josh Jameson's position is now limited to 15 hours per week. The Potawatomi Community may not be involved anymore. The Crandon Chamber of Commerce asked if we as the Friends of Wabeno would like to advertise in the visitor's guide next year for \$150 for an ad. The answer has to be given next month.

Wabeno Lumberjack Trail: Last year Mary received an extension on the RAC grant until December 31 and we are waiting for the boy scouts to start work.. We are pleased to have Al Murray involved with his forestry expertise. Mary and Al met Memorial Day weekend and the boy scouts stated the week of July 4th they would start on the trail. Mary stated she called and called and left messages with no responses from them. She finally got through and they stated they were having financial problems with paying Flannery who purchased the property. Even directors left the organization during this pressing time. Mary did talk with the Forest Service about the grant and but they had concerns that many trails were not really being used.

Tim Tucker: Mary made a motion on having a plaque made in honor of Tim for all the hard work, vision and dedication he has given to the boardwalk project. The plaque will be put on the trail. Lynn LaRock second. All in favor.

Next Meeting: October 19

Adjourn: 9:10 Kathy McHugh made a motion to adjourn, second by Joan Schertz. All in favor.

Mary did share that Kay Morrison would like to purchase an outdoor museum between the library and museum.