

Friends of Goodwin Forest

January 25, 2022

Via Zoom

The minutes of November 9, 2021 were approved with amendment.

Treasurer Report: Bill noted that there was little change since last report. The projected results for the years end were \$425 less than what was projected. The current balance is \$38,000 and we are in a good position going into the new year. Steve noted that the general donations were double of what was projected. Report was unanimously accepted.

Voting for the board positions: Jim announced that Bruce Spaman is willing to take on the Vice President and Treasurer position with Bill providing support. The other positions are: President; **Jim Giana**, Secretary; Emily Logee-Savoie. Motion made and all were accepted unanimously.

Membership update: Jim noted that there has not been a recent report given to him since November. Jim questioned whether the membership numbers were skewed secondary to the way pay pal is set up so it is getting recorded wrong. He reported that at this time, he is not seeking out a membership chair until the membership is straightened out. A motion was made that all donations that are \$25 or more be considered a membership. Motion passed unanimously.

Social media: No report at this time.

Garden report: No report at this time. Beth noted that Warren is ordering plants.

DEEP news & updates: Matt not available. Bob reported that the "Walk with the Forester" program went well. He reported that there were about a half dozen in attendance and the comments were good. Beth reported that there is an effort by the Forestry Department to provide informative programming and one such program will be done this Friday, 1/26/22 at 3pm by Dan Evans.

Director's report is combined with CFPA: Beth reported that the Master Naturalist program is starting up in April. She is looking for a Naturalist replacement for Meg and predicts it will take about 2 months to refill the position. In the meantime, she presented an idea to the Friends' regarding a contractual position provided by CFPA to be the administrator, who would report to Beth. This would be an administrative point person who would work with Brad with the Master Naturalists. This would free up the Naturalist to do more programs. This position needs approval from the board of CFPA. She also reported that she has gotten permission to hire another contractual position from CFPA, who would be focused on the Adult Education for Goodwin. This would be called Adult Education Contractor Coordinator. This position is funded through a grant for 2 years, so there is no financial impact on Friends. She would reapply for

grant monies as needed. She noted that the Educational Naturalist would still be at Goodwin, but his/her time would be freed up to concentrated on programs. Beth is excited to have help at Goodwin. She offered one of the friends could get involved with the interview process, just let her know.

Education/program report: Beth gave a brief end of year report for Meg. Goodwin had 98 Public programs offered. Adults in attendance were 1,825 and children were 720. For the end of year Hike and Seek program 60 adults attended as well as 71 children. Bryan is still with us

Goodwin center physical plant & maintenance: Mike unavailable, but Beth reported that painting has been going on in the house and the network ports are being installed. A question was raised regarding security protection. Beth noted she did send an email to Matt. She has agreed to follow up with Matt and also contact another park to see what they have in place.

Trails report: Bob reported that the focus in the fall was doing a lot of repairs from all the rain damage. They have also identified areas of concern that will be worked on in the Spring. The bridge was repaired where the horse hoof went through. He noted that DEEP has been providing the stones, gravel and lumber that would have been major expenditures for the projects. Report was unanimously accepted.

Other business: Jim noted that the Forestry Talk will be 1/26 at 3pm and to register contact Dan Evans. Lynn gave an update on the Little Free Library. She noted a bin will be placed at Goodwin for donation of books relating to nature.

Bill reported that the Planning meeting for the Trail Run scheduled for June 5, 2022, will be held via zoom on 2/1/22 at 6:15. He is always looking for new members.

Next meeting for FGF is March 8, 2022 at 1pm via zoom or maybe in person. Respectfully submitted by Emily Logee-Savoie.