

## **Friends of Ferris Board Meeting Minutes of November 09/2017**

Meeting was called to order by Barb Hogan at 6:00pm at the Legion.

Present: Barb Hogan, Carol Robertson, John Knox, Theresa Miller, Anne Kidd, Sandy Chapman, and Donna Wilson

Regrets: Marcia Perryman, and Ontario Parks

Guests: Barb Hogan welcomed guests, Brenda Morrison, Klarissa Kocsis and Art Chamberlain

Review of the Agenda: no additions

Approval of the Minutes for the October 12/2017 regular board meeting and the Annual General Meeting:

Moved by Sandy Chapman and seconded by Theresa Miller that the minutes be passed after the correction of the theme of the Santa Claus Parade is changed to Canada 150. Carried.

Regular Business:

2018 memberships are due.

Action Plan 2018: Carol Robertson brought new members up to date on past action plans and everyone was asked being forward ideas for the 2018 plan to the January meeting.

Santa Claus Parade: Carol went through the schedule for preparing our float and will send out the updated version. Don't forget to bring heavy duty staplers, cordless drills and ladders. It was decided to have those on the float dress in "red & white" and bring Canadian flags etc. Carol will ask Drummond Motors for a truck to pull the float.

Playground: photos were taken with C.S.C.F., Rotary, Ontario Parks, and Friends of Ferris. Anne Kidd reported there is excess chain on one of the swings that needs fixed. Ontario Parks will be notified.

Newsletter/Tabloid: it was agreed to tell David Bree that we prefer the booklet style tabloid to the newspaper format that it is now. Anne Kidd had members commit to help with articles for the newsletter.

Bluebird Boxes: Carol Robertson reported that we now have 11 as one is missing. When she cleaned them out they all seemed to have remnants of nests with bits of feathers.

Wish List: As brought up at the last meeting by David Bree it would be good to have a Wish List in place when people are considering making a donation to the Friends of Ferris. Some suggestions discussed were new kiosks, a bench at the park end of the suspension bridge, more educational brochures (i.e. turtles), accessible access to the lookout at Ranney Falls and lookout improvements. Please bring other ideas to the January meeting.

#### 2018 Events:

Healthy Parks Healthy People: this is July 20/18. If we decide to do this we will need a chairperson.

Garden Tour: July 21/18. Ontario Parks has said yes to "no fee" for anyone entering the park with a Campbellford Horticultural Garden Pass. They would be coming to view the Dry Stone Wall as a stop on the tour.

Dry Stone Wall Restoration/Demonstration: August 25th & 26th/18. The invoice for half of the 2017 food cost has been invoiced to Ontario Parks. The 2018 event will be the 10th anniversary and the last year for this event. As it is expected to be a much bigger event the Dry Stone Association has a few requests that will be forwarded to Ontario Parks.

Turtle Day: this will be July 28/18. Ontario Parks will pay the fee of \$175.00.

Bat Day: Sept. 29th at 1:00pm. This will be a new event and Anne Kidd announced that the speaker will be Dr. Christina Davey.

Moved by John Knox and seconded by Theresa Miller that we give Dr. Christina Davey an honorarium of \$100.00. Carried

#### New Business:

Kite Donations: The Early Years has donated two large airplane kites and eight small ones to us. They were given to them by Fred Ellis who started our kite day. Donna Wilson will look for a home for them until our 2018 Kite Day.

Regular Monthly Meetings: President Barb Hogan presented the fourth Tuesday of the month as our regular meeting day. Everyone agreed.

Ontario Parks: Regrets. Dry Stone Wall signs will be in Ontario Parks new colours of blue and white. "Bike Trail" has been removed from the list of action items for the park as it has been completed.

Financials: John Knox reported that our C.S.C.F. paperwork has been completed, filed and accepted. He has also filled out our C.R.A.

Our bank balance is \$5617.00 and money left for boardwalk construction is \$1066.00.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 23/18 at 6:00pm at the Legion.

Adjourned: moved to adjourn at 8:00pm by Carol Robertson