



Fair Hill Nature Center Board Meeting Minutes for September 14, 2011

**Attendance:** Karen Aspinwall, Joe Clancy, Ted Jasinski, Mario Gangemi, John Bowsbey, Holly Hannum, Dan Schneckenburger, Guy Palmeri, David Vanaskey and Pam Howard as an invited guest.

**I. Minutes from June and July's meeting unanimously approved.**

**II. Treasurers Report**

July 2011 financial statement package was reviewed the de facto committee of President/Vice President/Secretary. Discussions continued regarding Treasurer replacement and a new board member. Pam Howard, was elected to the board and voted in as Treasurer. A transition plan was discussed and will be reviewed and implemented to get our new Treasurer up to speed on the finances and actives of the FHNC. Special thanks to June for her assistance in stepping in and assistance on these activities over the last several months.

**III. School Report**

Holly Hannum provided a detailed school report. Another successful Summer Camp completed with almost 200 campers attending camps and over \$7,000 in positive cash flow. Fall semester underway since September 1<sup>st</sup>. Looking at some logistical issues regarding accessibility to the FHNC. Board working with Holly and the CCPS on the issue and next steps. United Way kick off meeting attended by Holly. Cecil County Arts Counsel Grant request due next month (October). Grant detail being pursued with the Cecil County Bar Foundation as well. Weather has plagued FHNC events but several activities are planned for the upcoming month.

**IV. Old Business**

Geothermal check awaiting delivery any day now as contractor has come out and dotted the "Is and crossed the Ts". A three week completion time once construction begins. Ongoing repairs and maintenance were approved for up to \$10,000 for issues addressed in the Ross Gibson proposal from March of this year. Review of electrical issues to be pursued with Steve Graham and presented to the board as well. John Bowsbey will pursue sanding and sealing of the hard wood floors on the first floor of the FHNC. Important we pursue key issues as we approach fall/winter. Board asked Holly for a list of equipment in need of repair. Dan to do some follow up on Greenfest date for 2012. Board also to review Greenfest in terms of themes, partners, and other ways to attract and further develop the program. Initial planning meetings to be part of October's board meeting.

**V. New Business.**

Reviewed update of Strategic Plan as circulated. Was approved for submission as part of PNC Grant process. Jan 2012 a retreat will be hosted to further review, develop and update strategic direction of FHNC. More details on this to follow. SWAT Roadside Clean up is on Oct 22nd. D&O insurance has been renewed through August 30, 2012. Request to have a FHNC staff member attend the board meeting as a way to meet and

learn more from both sides. En Plienar art counsel event being looked into by Guy and Ted. **Note meetings to start at 6:00.**

**VI. Next Meeting. October 12th at 6:00 p.m.**