

Fair Hill Nature Center Board of Directors Meeting December 8, 2010

Attendance: David Vanaskey, Holly Hannum, Mike Garrity, Ted Jasinski, John Bowlsbey, Karen Aspinwall, John Carpenter, Dan Schneckenburger, Guy Palmeri and Mario Gangemi

I. November Minutes

Minutes approved as submitted.

II. Treasures Report

While an official treasurer's report was not submitted Tina did note via email that we are on budget for 2010 and that the 2011 budget was being prepared and will be sent to the board. Discussion by the board regarding the use of the Friends of Charter donation and its use for the MAEOE conference in 2011.

III. School Report.

Holly submitted school report. 2010 outdoor classes finished in November. The Entenmanns thank you/ photo was completed with Thompson Estates Elementary school and the banner supplied by Ted. Presentation by FHNC to the Perryville Lions Club, Cross Country Garden Club donation, Cecilton Lions Club donation, and attendance at the Cecil Conservation banquet were additional highlights in November. United Way details for 3rd grade due in January. Summer camp schedule due to in December for distribution through the school system in March. 2011 Summer Camps will start June 20th.

IV. Old Business.

Greenfest 2011 kick off meeting was Dec 3rd for the event which will be on May 14, 2011. Looking for public relations/marketing/advertising support for the event. There were also board discussions regarding a volunteer coordinator for the event. Next Greenfest committee meeting Dec 16th. Dan and Mike to continue follow up with capital improvement plans and strategy. Ted to track down smoke detectors from Excelon. Copier contract was discussed at length and the board voted to approve the Advance Document Specialist contract. Greenroof contest was discussed and although it didn't appear that FHNC would win we continued to push FHNC friends for their support. Thanks to John B. and his continued handyman efforts in and around our facility.

V. New Business.

MAEOE conference attendance and the use of the Friends of Charter donation were discussed. The board approved the attendance of and payment of expenses for Holly and another FHNC staff member. We also discussed the need for "Certified Environmental Educators" at FHNC, with more to come on this topic. Board also discussed USGBC and use of the FHNC facility, Perryville Chamber presentation, 2011 fall event for FHNC, and the Chichester Foundation follow up. There was also discussion regarding a subcommittee of board members to pursue the Strategic Plan for FHNC. The goal is to have an updated plan completed by March 2011.

VI. Next Meeting.

January 12, 6:30 at a location to be determined