

Attendees: H.Schulz, L.Klevans, J.Newman, R.Willmann, R.Carroll, J.Campbell, K.Phillips

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM by J.Campbell.

Order of Business:

1. Discussion was held on the status of Karen Aspinwall during the next few months when she will be busy with other activities. Helena mentioned that a decision was reached to leave Karen as the Director of the Nature Center. It was felt that we need someone in that position. Holly is not interested in the position. All agreed to this and to prioritize Kare remaining time toward grant writing and fund raising.
2. Jim expressed concern over the schools teachers. They do not sense a lot of stability at the Nature Center. Jim took the action to hold a staff meeting to explain some of the things that the Board is undertaking.
3. Jim met with Ralph Young. Ralph would like to contribute more at the Nature Center. Jim has given him the project of revitalizing the marsh area.
4. Winter meeting times were decided for Jan, Feb., and Mar. as follows:
  - 1st Wednesday of the month at Historical Society Building in Elkton.  
( This is the old library on Main Street.)
  - 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Rising Sun Library.
5. The presentation to the Cecil County Public School System Board of Directors will be at 4:00PM at the Elkton High School. Any board member interested is welcome.
6. Jerry obtained an application to United Way. We seem to meet all the criteria. Larry will give the form to Karen to complete.
7. The three new county commissioners visited the Nature Center. They seemed impressed with the center and promised help.
8. Helena reported a good turn out of volunteers for the letter stuffing. This was to put all members on a January renewal for membership.
9. Helena asked permission to draft and send out a letter to county organizations to solicit for donations. All agreed.
10. Karen was given an action to send Christmas flowers to Mrs. DuPont. Jim will in form her.
11. Bill asked for a status on our grant writing activities. It seems that this has been put on the back burner. All agreed that we need to step up this activity even though we have no formal training in it. Keith and Bill agreed to co-chair this activity. Several members volunteered help.

Next meeting will be January 6th at the Historical Society in Elkton at 7:00PM.

Happy Holidays to all.