

Fair Hill Nature Center Board of Directors Meeting of Jan 20, 1999

Attendees: J.Campbell, J.Hendricks, H.Hannum, W.Ide, J.Newman, H.Schulz, T.Bartow, R.Carroll, R.Willman, W.Lucas, D.Clower

Order of Business:

1. Meeting called to order by J.Campbell at 7:03 PM.
2. Financial report was given by Jim. A trial run of the financial report was run on the new Quicken software package. There were some minor anomalies caused by the conversion to the Quicken. It was felt these would be easily corrected. Larry sent in word that he believes we will be entirely on our own by next month.
3. Outdoor School report was given by Holly. The Outreach Program is currently in progress. \$250 has been donated by the Cecilton Lions Club to support this program. Spring Trail Day will be March 13th or 14th . Holly is working with Rick Loni from the CCPS. They are trying to set up a teachers workshop this summer. This should enhance the coordination between our programs and the schools system.
4. Membership Program report given by Helena. We have received 20 new memberships and 104 renewals that were a result of our membership drive. Two of them were lifetime memberships for \$500. A \$100 donation was received from the Hagarty family.
5. A photograph and plaque of Patsy DuPont with some school children were displayed. Holly took the action to arrange a luncheon with Ms. DuPont.
6. Newsletter will be sent out to the members in February.
7. Holly is preparing for spring programs. A bluebird, wildflower and frog walk are planned. A fish walk is planned for this summer.
8. Jerry H. gave a report on this years March for Parks that is scheduled for April 25th . Four committee chairpersons are needed. The following members volunteered: Dennis Clower for sponsorship, Rob Willman for Logistics, Bob Carroll for recruitment and Helena will ask Sylvia for Promotion/advertising. There will be no major national sponsors this year. This should eliminate the conflicts with local sponsors. Dennis made a motion to procure a new advertising banner for the march up to a cost of \$500. Motion seconded and approved.
9. Jerry N. has done some research on the "I Give" website. This is a internet shopping site that donates a portion of there profits to charitable organizations. Motion was made, seconded and approved to allow Jerry to set us up on this website.
10. Jerry H. gave a status report on the 10-10 long distance number that would support the nature center. We are set up with this company but Jerry has reservations about advertising this to our members. His dealings with this company have been less than favorable. The brochures mention nothing about the nature center. It was agreed by all that we would not pursue this any further at this time.
11. Jim said that we will plan on having a fall fund raising event. Susanne Doordan has volunteered to coordinate this event. Discussions were held on if this would be a good time to kick off our proposed fund raising drive. All agreed with this.
12. Jim felt a letter should be sent to the Cecil County Commissioners requesting financial support for the center. Dennis volunteered to do this.

Meeting adjourned at 845PM.

Next planning meeting is scheduled for Feb 3rd at 7:00 PM at the Elkton Historical Society Building on Main St.