

Fair Hill Nature Center  
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting March 11, 2009

Attendance: Joe Clancy, Tina Freudenberger, Guy Palmeri, Dan Schneckenburger, Karen Aspinwall, Holly Hannum.

Office Manager Position: The search committee announced the hiring of June Thompson for the position of office manager. June will train with outgoing office manager Chris Haight over the next two weeks. In other staff developments, Annie Schapert will expand to two days per week with the goal of expanding the preschool program.

School Report: Holly reported on activities of the nature center, which will reopen for visits by schools March 26. The Kindergarten Outreach program ended recently.

Bluebirds/Maple Sugar Day: Approximately 60 people attended the demonstrations and workshops. Four new members were registered. A Girl Scout group will attend a bluebird workshop March 31.

Summer camp update: Fliers went out to Cecil County Public Schools elementary school students March 3.

Outdoor Educators Conference: Holly attended the conference and left with several new ideas. A certification process for teachers has begun and Holly will pursue the details. Certification could help with future grants and other development for the center.

Spring Trail Day: The spring trail day is scheduled for Saturday, March 21. Groups and individuals have committed to volunteer including the University of Delaware Circle K group, a Girl Scout Troop and others. All members are encouraged to attend and help improve the nature center and its surroundings.

GreenFest: The nature center will host a spring event/fundraiser Saturday, May 9 at the fairgrounds and the nature center building. A sponsor packet has been completed and sent to the first round of 26 potential sponsors/donors. Karen reported that the exhibitor side is progressing as well with the Department of Public Works committed and progress made with regard to the farmers' market and car dealers. Dan agreed to invite local politicians. Joe has completed a press release and will coordinate distribution with Karen. Karen will contact Beth Rczidlo about coordination of efforts. It is important that all board members volunteer to assist in this event and there is room for other volunteer groups or individuals.