

## **Fair Hill Nature Center Board of Directors Meeting May 12, 2010**

**Attendance:** David Vanaskey, Holly Hannum, Joe Clancy, John Bowlsbey and Tina Freudenbruger

### **I. April Minutes**

Minutes approved as submitted

### **II. Treasures Report**

Tina presented a treasures report was submitted for the month with April 2010 YTD and 2009 comparisons. Greenfest financial results/outcome still tallied and determined. IRS Form 990 due. Overall financials for the center look good as the numbers show we are on budget.

### **III. School Report.**

School programs continue with 3<sup>rd</sup> grade currently being hosted. These students are being polled for “measureable outcomes” as it relates to United Way grant the center received. Data suggests we are on target with over half the third grade indicating the nature walk is the longest walk they have ever taken, 97% indicated they are more comfortable in the woods and 92% indicated they would take another walk in the woods. Teachers are being surveyed as well. County Envirothon being hosted in April at the Fair Hill Nature Center. County Leadership being hosted at the center as well. Lots of Cecil County and out of state school students attending various education programs at the center with the last day June 8<sup>th</sup>. Summer camp starts June 21<sup>st</sup> with over 130 campers registered so far. Community Service worker opportunity approved by the board with certain parameters including John Bowlsbey to supervise. Siemens to donate \$370 to fix the storm door. Lastly, upcoming presence of FHNC at the YMCA, Woodlawn Landfill and the Maryland Home and Garden Pilgrimage being hosted at the center. Upcoming program consideration includes a “Women’s Day Out in Nature or a Mom’s Day Out” for next spring and also the Weather Station received a Watershed Grant for improving the interactive station.

### **IV. Old Business.**

Roof sheathing/repair estimate being reviewed with final consideration to be given following necessary review and follow up. June/summer newsletter in the works with school year review and summer camp update, recap of spring programs, and recognizing a staff member amongst other articles. Membership drive coming together as we look to leverage technology and the internet site. 2010 Greenfest event was a success. Many thanks to the committee and the committee chair Karen Aspinwall for her and their tireless efforts at this year’s event. Greenfest follow ups are in place and a date needs to be set for next year’s event. Special recognition by the board was noted for the Boy Scout Troop 443, the Tome School students, FHNC staff, family members and all other volunteers whom help contribute to the overall success of this year’s event. Final consideration given the cleaning of the center in advance of the Home Pilgrimage.

**V. New Business.**

Strategic plan draft research being conducted to locate the 2006 version as a starting point. D& O insurance to be explored through current provider Cairnes and Tarpley. Summer board meeting schedule reviewed and determined July and August to be taken off and reconvene on September 9, 2010. Calendar/fund raiser idea up for discussion. Updated board list reviewed and approved.

**VI. Next Meeting.**

June 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 at the Fair Hill Nature Center