

Friends of the Paint Creek Trail Meeting Notes
December 15, 2011

Present: Eva Carrio, Louis Carrio, Nancy Drapalski, Richard Kreuzkamp, Jeanette Locher, Sammie Martin, Jackson Miller, Paul Miller, Kristen Myers, Clara Pinkham, Doris VanDoorn, Jim VanDoorn

1. Meeting started at 6:41pm
2. Agenda approved as presented. Motion by Myers, Support by Locher. Unanimous
3. Financial Update: Kristen Myers presented a brief financial update. We received a donation from the Preede Foundation for \$200, and an online donation for \$50. Treasurer Young will have more detailed information at the next meeting.

4. Paint Creek Trail Snowfest - February 4, 2012

President VanDoorn and Secretary Myers have been doing more research on the health department requirements. Based on what we want to do, a permit would be needed. The cost is \$54. The group discussed cancelling the event and/or making it a "guinea pig" event with just the friends group. It would be a "friendraiser" instead of a "fundraiser". Nancy Drapalski indicated we still have too many unanswered questions from Patterson. The group discussed making it a private party/winter appreciation, where we would invite the Commission, local elected officials, donors, etc. It would be a potluck. Possibly have the area between Gallagher and Adams groomed for CC skiing. The purpose of the private - invitation only event would be to test it for next year. Is it a feasible event? and to thank supporters, get feedback. Dinosaur Hill has snowshoes. We should also put them on the invitation list. In regards to a sleigh or carriage, we would have one hour time slots, and tell people they would be scheduled at some time in that hour. We don't know how long the rides are to make it more exact. Kristen Myers also reported that we can have a campfire in a fire ring or portable fire pit on trail property, as it was okayed by the township fire chief.

5. 2012 Paint Creek Crawl - Sponsors

President VanDoorn reviewed our new sponsor package, and distributed them to members to garner support. Nancy Drapalski will approach Health Plus of Michigan, who indicated they wanted to get involved in events in this area. Kristen Myers will contact Flagstar Bank. We need to know by April 2 if someone wants to sponsor. Kristen will also place the forms on the website. The group reviewed Clinton River Trail's sponsors and discussed other businesses to approach.

6. Rochester Mills Fundraising Program

Nancy Drapalski arranged for four dates in 2012 for the Friends group to have a fundraiser at the Mills. Patrons will have to provide a copy of our flyer for us to get the 20% of sales donation. We will publicize our dates, and will hold our meetings on those dates. They are: February 15, May 16, August 15, and October 17 (all Wednesdays). Kristen will provide the Mills with our logo.

7. Membership Program

The group discussed launching a membership program in 2012. Membership to the Friends group would still be free, but we would advertise for voluntary donations, with different levels. Levels would be individual through corporate. Kristen will work on a draft program, and a draft list of membership benefits for the group to discuss.

8. Any Other Business

Board Member Jeanette Locher announced that she will be leaving our group. Everyone thanked her for her participation and wished her well on her new journey in Saugatuck. A replacement for her on our board of director's will be determined at our next meeting.

Adjournment - 8:00pm

Next meetings: Thursday, January 12 at 6:30pm and Thursday, January 26 at 6:30pm