

Portage Lake Watershed Forever

Council Meeting - March 25, 2014 Farr Center, Onekam

Present: Mary Reed, Al Taylor, Frank English, Kathy Ervin, Lynette Maxey, Jamie Meister

Absent: Alice Hendricks, Tim Morley, Dan Behring, Jim Mrozinski, Herb Lennon

Guests: None

Agenda Item

Discussion

CALL TO ORDER

Mary called the meeting to order at 7:03.

AGENDA

No additions

MINUTES

Reviewed; correction to 'next meeting date' made.

FINANCIAL

■ **Financial** - Treasurer Frank English provided current information about fund balances. (See attached)

2014 Budget - Mary distributed copies of the proposed 2014 budget. After review and discussion, it was approved.

On a related topic, Kathy proposed that we explore hiring a part-time, temporary person to assist during the summer with the many projects we have on tap. Funds could be used from various categories (education, fundraising, operating expenses, etc.) to cover the salary. Support was unanimous and several names were suggested as possible candidates. Further action to be taken at our next meeting.

<p>FUNDRAISER</p>	<p>■ Fundraiser - Kathy and Jamie reported that the Portage Point Inn has agreed to let us hold our Annual Fund Fundraiser on their grounds. Necessary equipment, etc., has been reserved with Grand Rental Station. Catering is still being explored. Article was submitted to the PLA newsletter. Further discussion: Al suggested that we approach a local artist to commission a painting that could be auctioned off at the event. Several artists were discussed and Phil Joseph got the universal nod. Jamie will talk with him to determine his interest/willingness.</p>
<p>REPORTS</p>	<p>■ Crowd Hydrology - After Mary reviewed the crowd hydrology initiative, Lynette Maxey volunteered that it would be a perfect project for local Girl Scout Troops as it would allow them to earn their "Water Drop Patch". She will contact the other troop leaders about how to get them involved and set up an 'in-service' for them.</p>
	<p>■ Education - Plans in process. More details forthcoming when Dan returns.</p>
	<p>■ Invasive Species - Mary reported that work continues on the renewal of the Special Assessment District. Two hearings are scheduled: April 15 and May 15th. Letters are being sent to each property owner impacted; information is available on the website.</p>
	<p>■ 2014 Priority - Focus for this year is wetland and shoreline preservation. Al has met with the Grand Traverse Conservancy which has offered to provide "Community Assist" to help.</p>
	<p>■ Website Committee - Mary, Al and Kathy met with MS Creative to further define needs. Contract signed with them. Framework in review.</p>

GRANTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Village Park - MCCF needs minutes confirming our contribution of \$5,000 to the project.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ SAW Grant - Our application was unsuccessful.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Langland Park - Grant is being resubmitted.
OLD BUSINESS	None
NEW BUSINESS	None
ADJOURN	The Meeting was adjourned at 8:19. Next Meeting is April 28th at the Farr Center at 7:00 p.m.

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Decision/Recommendation/Action
Motion to approve: Frank; 2nd - Al Approved
Motion to approve: Kathy; 2nd, Frank. Approved.
Kathy will develop a 'job description' and share with council members for input.

Jamie will follow-up.

AI will develop project scope for the conservancy.
Meeting with them to be scheduled in April.

