

## FRNWR Board Meeting 2/12/24

- **Present:** Sam Robinson, Alex Earl, Jim Maul, Suzanne Whitney
- **Staff:** Sam Z
- **Guests:** Susan Setterberg, David Zonana (Clark College Science Education Teacher)
  
- Introductions with David Zonana
- Josie Finley is not able to attend will send notes later
- Called to order at 5:13 PM
- Minutes – corrections? Approved
- Treasurer's Report- Suzanne met with Nicole to see what her responsibilities will be, and they will meet again when the financials are ready for next month.
  
- **New Business:**
  - o Spirit of the Wild – Voting on the three groups of volunteers,
    - Virginia & Janis
    - Mel, Curt & Dave
    - Maureen O'Reilly
      - The vote goes to Mel, Curt, & Dave
    - We need an MC
    - Raffle leader
      - Email Sam Z after the meeting with interest in leading either
      - Lee is suggested as the MC
  - o **Small fundraising efforts:** Sam Z. is doing small things like sending a quick super easy email to donors and members right after they come in, so far it is well accepted and really makes the recipient feel good.
  - o **Bylaws** being sent out again to the whole board, Lee had offered to review, and is not here.
  - o **GiveBig** – Sam Z needs proofreading help – Jim Maul and Suzanne have both said yes.
  
- **Old Business:**
  - o 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Sam Z will send some logo choices for people to choose
    - Ideas:
    - Display at the Library
    - Display at Backyard Bird Shop

- Jim Maul's mother had made a really cool scrapbook that was at the library at one point, Jim is going to look for it.
  - Bring it up at the Annual Meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Community Nature Center connection** (Suzanne) The Friends formed to support the Community Nature Center, this is an outcome of many long efforts and support from the community. Community Awareness, Programs, etc.
  - **Fundraising pitch for the future needs for the building**
  - **LAUNCH THE NEXT 25 YEARS**
  - **Help us soar into the next 25 years**
  - **4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in Ridgefield – everyone wave signs**
- **Cathy Allen Homework** – have you done it? She sent a survey, and a link to meet with her – she needs to meet with everyone!
  - Cathy Allen – The Board Doctor professional; We need to be able to expand capacity and reach the people around us who don't know who we are.
  - **Board Recruitment**
  - **Capacity of the board**
  - **Workshop to strategically plan**
- **Refuge Report from Josie Finley** –
  - orientation clarification that came up this week: volunteers take it once per 12 months. So if someone took it in the fall they don't have to till next fall. But always good to get it when your available in case the lettering your not. We are always adding/updating info so you will always get new info.
  - Email Volunteer update listed two different dates to meet to discuss the River 'S' entrance redesign. Highly recommended. Lily Fittinghoff will give a short intro to how we approach designing public areas to naturally encourage the behaviors we want/need. Then engage folks in a discussion about those needs. (If you need it again ask Sam Z).
  - lastly, construction for the CNC will begin late March/early April. The contractor is working on hosting a meet and greet with neighbors and other interested community to get any concerns addressed and overall introduce themselves. Date TBD. They also seem really on board with good communication so we can make sure visitors know what to expect. (So let's GO TEAM on rounding up those funds for exhibits!)

- **Board Members** want the value sheet again to start thinking of fundraising ideas and ways to craft stories asking for what we want, what's important to get done, etc.
  
- **Jr. Duck Stamp Lunch** added by Suzanne – moves for pizza to be paid for by Sam if nothing else happens – she will donate drinks and cookies.
  
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- **Meeting End: 6:01 PM**