

Friends of the Lake Vermilion Trail
Wednesday, November 11, 2020
Electronic meeting

Meeting called to order at 3:01 pm by Vice-chair Carol Booth.

Members present: Vice-chair Carol Booth, Treasurer Caroline Owens, Secretary Steve Lotz, Nancy Salminen, and Bill Parker. Char Conger arrived at 3:03.

Minutes for the October 14, 2020 meeting having been distributed previously, motion by Carol Booth, second by Caroline Owens, to approve the minutes, six ayes, motion carried.

Next steps – Caroline reported that the PayPal account is set up but not linked to the Friends bank account. She and Char Conger will sort this out. Char has been working with Russell Habermann at ARDC to update the Trail web site to provide additional information including the Master Plan and maps and to reflect the present status of the Friends group. Char reported that additional updating is needed. She will seek more access to the site from Russell.

Carol asked that everyone get their hours for the year to her. An hours template is on the Google drive.

Bill Parker has been entering donor data into the spreadsheet and is about midway with an estimated another two weeks to go.

EAW – Nancy Salminen has been gathering information for the State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) review including maps, photos, and a list of buildings. There was discussion of a corridor width. The SHPO application must come from a governmental unit. As the JPB is a governmental unit Carol will check with JPB vice-chair Tim Johnson.

Carol reported that the Lake Country Power Operation Roundup application has been submitted with a decision due in mid-December.

Natural Harvest has approved the Friends for their 2021 round-up program.

Give-to-the-Max Day is near. Char will contact Josh Gillson as to present status and then she will get this set up.

Carol is working with Tim Johnson on State Farm's Quotes-For-Good fund raiser, which will run in January and February.

Char reported briefly on Bonfire's T-shirt fund raiser and will be providing more information.

Nancy reported that with SHPO mostly complete she will begin work on a plant survey and natural heritage.

Carol reported she had conversation with some land owners in the area of the south end of the west segment with positive feelings.

Steve Lotz reported that he had received a renewal notice from the Parks & Trails Council for 2021 with dues in the amount of \$35.00. Motion by Carol, second by Caroline, to renew the Friends membership for \$35.00. No further discussion, six ayes, motion carried. Steve will forward the bill to Caroline.

Next meeting is set for December 9 at 3:00 pm and will be conducted electronically.
The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Steven Lotz, secretary