

Friends of the Lake Vermilion Trail
Wednesday, August 11, 2021
Electronic meeting

Meeting called to order at 3:05 pm (time that secretary joined meeting) by Chair Carol Booth.

Members present: Chair Carol Booth, Treasurer Caroline Owens, Secretary Steve Lotz, & Nancy Salminen.

Minutes for the July 14, 2021 meeting having been distributed previously, motion by Carol Booth, second by Caroline Owens, to approve the minutes as distributed, all aye, motion carried.

The treasurer's report for July continued to show a balance of \$13,386.92 with no activity since April. Caroline noted a \$500 donation had been received since the end of the month from Liz Storm. Motion by Carol Booth, second by Steve Lotz, to approve the treasurer's report, all aye, motion carried. Carol reported that Beth Pierce of the Northern St. Louis County Trails Task Force (TTF) had requested that the first \$4,000 worth of JPJ EAW invoice be forwarded to the TTF for payment with the balance to be paid by the Friends.

2021 projects & fund raising:

Carol had checked with W. A. Fisher of Virginia MN on the cost of a 10 by 10 canopy with Trail logo and reported an approximate cost of \$500 to 600 depending on specifics. W. A. Fisher produced the Trail banner that we have been using to cover the non-trail lettering on our borrowed canopy at events. There was design discussion. Carol will get a firm quote on a final design.

Carol has received notice of election of Directors and a bylaws change from the Parks & Trails Council (P&TC). Motion by Steve Lotz, second by Nancy Salminen, to instruct Carol to cast the Friends vote for the two incumbent Directors and to approve the proposed bylaws change, all aye, motion carried.

Carol provided a draft Mission Statement, which was needed for an application – "To promote and support the Lake Vermilion Trail." In discussion it was suggested to add the phrase "and the work of the Lake Vermilion Trail Joint Powers Board" to confirm our connection to and support of the JPB. She is working on a Minnesota Power and a new TTF grant application.

T-shirts – the Bonfire T-shirt sale is up and running.

Char Conger has set up the free Mail Chimp account. Carol was unable to access it and will sort this out with Char when Char gets back from Colorado.

Carol provided an update on the JPJ EAW project. At present we are waiting on the plant data base report and the wetlands delineation. The proposal for the phase 1 archeological shovel-test work is on the JPB agenda for today's JPB meeting.

Carol noted that our August Natural Harvest Food Co-op Round-up fund raiser is under way.

Carol and Steve gave a brief report on a P&TC webinar on trail easements and assistance that may be available from the P&TC

Carol noted that she had set up and participated in a Zoom meeting with a land owner family toward the south end of the west segment to discuss easement possibilities.

It was noted that the IRRR will have an electronic meeting August 24, which will address American Rescue Plan Act funding possibilities for trails.

Next meeting is set for September 8 at 3:00 pm and will be conducted electronically.

There being no further business, motion by Caroline, second by Carol, to adjourn, all ayes, meeting adjourned at 3:43 pm.

Steven Lotz, secretary