

Friend of Grand Haven State Park

Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2019



**Meeting commenced: 6:36pm at Loutit Library**

**President's Comments: Mike Mazurek**

Mike thanked everyone for all their efforts in a successful 2018 year and commented that he is looking forward to 2019.

**December meeting minutes were approved.**

**Treasurers Report: Judi Mazurek**

There were no deposits since December.

There were \$320.72 in expenses since December. This was for 2018 sales tax (\$285.72) and a get-well gift basket (\$35.00). Sallie Brinks thanked us for the basket!

Current cash in the bank = \$33,584.12. We have \$5.00 in savings.

The income from can returns in 2018 was \$711.00, not \$516.00 as reported in November, which is up from previous years.

**Updates from Pat Whalen: not present**

There is no news on the hiring of the Grand Haven State Park Manager. No additional cement work has been done in the Park.

**Bank Interest: Mize Mazurek**

Mike investigated CD rates at Lake Michigan Credit Union (current accounts) and 5<sup>th</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Bank. Rates were comparable at 2.23% for a 9-month term, 2.33% for a 12-month term and 2.47% for an 18-month term. Money market funds offered much lower interest rates and had monthly restrictions on the number of deposits and withdrawals

Given our proposed budget for 2019 is approximately \$8,000, the group felt we could invest up to \$25,000 in CD's. It was motioned and seconded that the FGHP should purchase 5 \$5,000.00 CD's, 2 for 9 months and 3 for 12 months. The motion passed unanimously.

**Kite Festival: Bob Moore**

Bob told the group that the City of Grand Haven plans to take over running the annual Kite Festival in 2019. He recommended the FGHP help sponsor the event. More details to follow.

**Gazebo: Karen Casey**

Karen shared information about a pre-fab Gazebo available from Sam's Club as a shade option for the playground area in the campground. This particular structure is 12' x 10' at a cost of \$1,499.00. Once a Park Manager is in place, the group thought we should approach the subject with them.

**DNR Friends Summit: Mike Mazurek**

The annual Friends Group Summit is scheduled for March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. It was decided that we should wait to see the agenda/itinerary for the meeting before committing to attend.

**Web Hosting: Mike Mazurek**

Brian Cryst has billed us \$180.00 for hosting our website for another year. The group approved this expense. There was some discussion on improving our website. One recommendation was to include links to other sites when appropriate to offer more information. We could also include more downloadable pdf's that advertise our events.

**Annual Dues: Mike Mazurek**

2019 annual dues are due! The membership rate remains \$10.00.

**2018 Financial Results: Mike Mazurek**

Mike passed out financial statements accounting for our revenue and expenditures in 2018. Actual expenses and income were very close to proposed expenses and income. The 2019 proposed financial statement was also covered and needed to have the commitment to fund the West Michigan Beach Volleyball clinics included.

**Next Meeting:** April 15, 2019 at 6:30pm at the Loutit Library. February and March meetings are cancelled due to member travel plans.

**Becky Newman will send minutes to board members for approval before posting on the website.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.**