

Friends of Grand Haven State Park
Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2024



Meeting commenced: 3:37pm on zoom.

Roll Call: Mike Mazurek, Judi Mazurek, Becky Newman, and Judith Hooper.

Mike welcomed the group to a new year! He summarized his participation in the Lakeshore Nonprofit Alliance volunteer learning circle event in December. The session focused on knowing your volunteers (likes, dislikes, interests) and providing perks to let them know they are appreciated.

The November meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report: Judi Mazurek

Deposit since December: \$72.34 from PayPal in memory of camper Kitty Carlson.

Expenses since December: \$1,687.25 for Web hosting, water safety book #3 and FGHSP Board dinner.

Current cash in the checking account = \$23,190.00

We have \$5.00 in savings.

Old Business:

Matching Funds:

Mike started the application for matching funds from the State of Michigan DNR to be used for acquiring mobi mats and two drinking fountains. The application needs information from Andy Lundborg (footage for mats, type of fountain) to be completed. Andy also needs to provide the code for the State's purposes. The deadline to apply is January 19th.

Programming Update:

Water Safety – partner with the YMCA:

Mike and Becky met with Kelly Ruffing, Marketing & Fund Development Manager, and Ali Weber, Aquatics Director for the Tri-Cities YMCA and flushed out a 3-day water safety program to be cohosted by both groups. Here is the outline of the discussion:

Three-day event in June

Monday, Wednesday, Friday morning sessions

Instructional session at the YMCA followed by beach demonstrations at Grand Haven State Park

FGHSP Water Safety books: one topic per session

When in Doubt, Don't Go Out

Be A Survivor

Book 3: saving others.

Safety instructors provided by the YMCA.

Work with Grand Haven High School Outdoor program for volunteers

Girl Scouts Merit Badge opportunity?

Advertising/Promotion
Tri Cities YMCA
FGHSP
Girl Scouts

Birds of Prey – This is scheduled for Thursday, July 18th at 7:00pm. The program will take place outside with the pavilion as a back up in case of weather conditions.

Concert in the Park: Becky has lined up Fire in the Attic, a local rock band with growing popularity in Grand Haven who will do a lot of promotion for us. We decided on August 16th or 17th if possible. Becky will contact the band to confirm.

New Business:

Bookkeeping:

The FGHSP do not use formal bookkeeping software. Mike uses excel spreadsheets. He has recommended we look at acquiring accounting software. Quick Books was running an introductory offer of \$18/month for 6 months then converting to \$60/month thereafter. Mike believes that using formal accounting software would help us in case of an audit and make it easier to transition to new leadership in the future. The group asked for it to be on the agenda in February when more of our board members are present to discuss.

Cans:

With the retirement of Bob Moore from the FGHSP, we will need to find a new person/group to manage our can return program. Becky will find a contact at Grand Haven High School who might help us find a club that would be interested in this fundraising and community service opportunity.

Recruiting: tabled for next meeting discussion

Judi Mazurek mailed out annual dues renewal notices for 2024.

Next Meeting: February 12, 2024, at 3:30pm. Location: Zoom

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05pm.