

Starksboro Conservation Commission

Minutes of Monday, November 23, 2015

Members present: Caroline McCardle, Jan McCleery and Jody Higgs.

The summation report from Matt of the Oct 26th meeting was reviewed with after the event notes inserted as follows: The 9/28 minutes were approved. Robert will send out the grid he composed for keeping track of Harvest Supper matter and will ask Cabot for donation of cheese and buttah. Robert will contact Peter Ryersbach (dishwashing); Bobby Stoddard (possible Moth event post-supper); Celine (cash tracking) (*Chris Runcie has asked Bobby to do a moth event earlier in 2016 as she felt it was a conflict for the SCC to have it scheduled when we were unable to participate.*)

Matt will send out FPF notice this week (ask for volunteers) and also submit Addy Indy calendar item. Dave (who will participate with his family on 11/7) will send out FPF notice about Harvest Sup on Friday or Sat. of this week. (*Jan sent out two FPF blurbs too. She plans to send a note to Wendy, Hannah and Amaya thanking them for their community service. Jody to send a note to several others.*)

Those doing the early morning shift on 11/7 will meet at 8:00 a.m. to get turkeys in the oven by 9:00. (*This year's schedule worked really smoothly all day long.*)

We will ask Caroline and also Catherine G. the librarian if they want to go to the AVCC meeting on 11/7, and pay the extra meal fee if they both want to go. (*Jan noted that Caroline was busy with Mt Abe Craft Fair, the annual fund raiser for Project Graduation. About \$6,000 was taken in, mostly from the silent auction items. Catherine was not available. Robert's return flight delayed by a day so he also was unable to attend to receive the Starksboro Town Forest recognition award.*)

Recap of the 2015 Supper

1. \$923 taken in at the door, expenses around \$400. The remaining \$500 + has been sent directly to 4 Winds by the Town Treasurer. Chris Runcie was informed of donation amount. Jody has already received her reimbursement check.
2. Need to purchase dish soap and heavy duty foil if we do roast turkey again next year.
3. Peg suggests that we provide an opportunity to local artisans to display their wares next year. There would be no charge to set up a table but they would be expected to purchase a meal. Pedro (Bee Happy) is quite interested in having a table.
4. If we have only a small amount of cranberries and cannot put out large serving bowls of it we should not offer it at all.
5. Peas were a bit over-cooked if you arrived at 6 or later.
6. There were numerous comments about how great the food was, especially the turkey.
7. Pies, the amount ordered, 17 is a sufficient number. There were 16 provided plus one apple crisp. Three whole pies were left intact and sold. Jenn T. took charge of pie packets this year we think as Jan missed the October 4 Winds meeting.

8. All the staff and the servers sat down to eat at the same time and the stragglers who came in to dine had no one to wait on them. Need to figure out what time it is OK for servers to step away from the line.
9. Erin and Emily and the kids had a great time playing outdoors from 6-7.
10. The only take-out meal we were aware of was the family that was the recipient of a free dinner thanks to the donation of an individual from Bristol. Next year we ought to consider asking if people would like to donate a free meal... or a turkey or cranberries etc. so we might reduce expenses and increase funds raised.
11. Jody learned that Kitteridge Kitchen supply has chafing dishes for about \$50. Will discuss the option of buying one or two in the future.

Those present decided it would be best to discuss annual planning with more members present at the January 25, 2016 meeting so the evenings meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.