

FMRT 012016

January 11, 2016, 6:00 PM

Friends Shelter

Blue Mound State Park

Blue Mounds, WI 53517

Friends attending: Gerry Wilson, President, Cletus Schwoerer, Vice President, Bill Kalschuer, Treasurer, Palmer Haynes, Secretary, Sarah Castello, Mark Cis, Lydia Haynes and Jane Schwoerer.

November Minutes were sent electronically. Bill moved and Jane seconded his motion to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Financial Report Bill indicated that the checking balance for end of December was \$18,390.30. Lydia moved and Jane seconded her motion to approve his report and reimburse Bill, \$141.38 for Friends expenses. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Annual Meeting was set for **February 8, 6:00 PM, at the Friends Shelter**. Snacks and refreshments will be provided by the Friends. Jane will post notice of the meeting in local medias.

Web Site Report was provided by Mark and Lydia.

They conducted two face to face interviews with web designers, and Mark did two telephone interviews with others. Based on Friends need, services provided and costs, they recommended Tamlyn Atkins as the Friends Web site designer. Ability to maintain its web site was an important consideration for the Friends. Cletus moved and Jane seconded his motion to have a Friends Web site. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote. Jane moved and Bill seconded her motion to spend up to \$1000 for first year development costs. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote. Sarah, Lydia and Jane were appointed by Gerry to be the web site committee. Some important web pages to consider were:

- Friends mission

- By-laws

- 501c.3 organization

- Friends projects (photos)

- Membership (application)

- Funding and Donor support (sponsors)

Dodgeville Kiosk grant is approved for Gerry's signature.

Trail Report Via e-mail, Kevin Swenson DNR Trail Manager had nothing critical to report. He suggested the Dane county grant could be useful for the interpretive signs on the boardwalk.

The Friends meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

The Friends will next meet as stated in the text above.

Respectfully submitted,

Palmer R. Haynes

Secretary