

**Friends of Pine Grove Furnace (FOPGF)  
Board Meeting – End of year report  
November 17, 2012**

**In attendance:** B. Breen, S. Breen, B. Weiser, D. Weiser, D. Burd,  
J. Burd, A. Weltman, D. Velozo (recorder)

**Treasurer's Report**

Furnace Fest expenditures, sales, earnings  
Profit - \$4,143,65  
approved by board

Current account balance – approx. \$17,000

**Purchases approved -** replacement materials for all park picnic tables  
PA speaker system for Laurel Lake  
Log splitter (Friends group firewood sales)  
Sales book for park office (merchandise sales)

–Discussion regarding the purchase of a device for credit card sales (through iphone) for Friends group merchandise sales at all park events. B. Breen will research and report back to board.

**Fall Furnace Fest Report**

- 6,200 participants (20%) increase from 2011).
- board approved entertainment for 2013 fest; J. Burd will be contact person.
- Volunteer coordinator named – Margy Schmidt
- Special note of thanks to all the fest volunteers – your support is greatly appreciated!

**2012-2013 100th Anniversary Events**

- monthly events May-September at the park; volunteers will be needed
  - schedule to be sent to membership when finalized
  - sales table to be at each event (park and 2013 merchandise)
- possible grant from Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau (CVVB) given to FOPGF to support 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary activities. Anticipated amount - \$2,500.00
- 2013 merchandise available at the park office; can be shipped for additional charge (flier attached). Friends group clothing sales to be at most park events.  
All proceeds go directly to Pine Grove Furnace State Park

**Mailings**

- Board approved costs for mailing to be sent to promote events, membership, and merchandise.

**Iron Run/Charcoal Challenge News**

- race forms being updated and will be sent to board for final approval
- all race information will be posted on [www.runreg.com](http://www.runreg.com)
- board approved post office box renewal for mail in registration

**General Membership Meeting  
November 17, 2012**

Note shared from Tara Gettig (Park Educator,) thanking FOPGF group for funding the Women's backpacking program. Their first trip was a huge success and there is a waiting list for the next trip.

A. Weltman discussed events to be held in 2013 to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Park Anniversary – to include speakers, demonstrations, entertainment, volunteer opportunities.

All Friends group members will be sent a schedule of events and opportunities to participate.

Discussed purchasing decals/magnets to promote park and Friends group; give to volunteers as a “thank you”. Tabled to 2013

All members are asked to log volunteer hours on the DCNR website

<http://www.volunteers.dcnr.state.pa.us/index.aspx>

DCNR Volunteer Conservation Site.

You will need to sign up and the park manager will approve your name and you can then enter your hours. The board realizes the time and energy this takes but each hour directly contributes to the park funding for the following year.

Minutes submitted,  
Diane M. Velozo  
FOPGF, Board