

Friends of Pine Grove Furnace Board Meeting

October 5, 2013

Board in attendance: A. Weltman (president), B. Breen (treasurer), S. Breen, M. Soderberg, B. Weiser, D. Weiser, and D. Velozo (recording secretary).

Also present: M. Schmidt (volunteer coordinator) and S. Burke (park office staff).

Fall Furnace Fest updates:

- 63 food and craft vendors currently registered plus Friends historical reenactors and apple press
- silent auctions items from a variety of local businesses; including Whirlpool (two appliances)
- approval to purchase additional banners to promote fest – to be reusable each year
- approved Fest 2014 vendor forms – available after October 27, 2013
- volunteers needed for Saturday & Sunday – contact Margy Schmidt pgfvolunteers@gmail.com
- festival hours: Saturday – 11:00- AM-7:00 PM
Pumpkin Float & Hairy Hand: Saturday 7:00 PM at Fuller Lake beach area.
Sunday – 12:00 PM- 5:00 PM

Treasurer's report

- merchandise (hats, shirts, 100th Anniversary items) will be sold both fest days
- 100th Anniversary calendars – price reduced to \$5.00; picture suitable for framing
- approved expenditures for fest, park programs, and park facilities
- current balance: \$22,844.40 (detailed report available upon request)

Membership Update

- discussed/approved memberships will run for one year from month of receipt of dues
(vs. membership on an annual calendar basis January-December as is currently done)
- current mailing list to be reviewed/updated: we experience many email “bounce backs”
- discussed sending membership mailings vs. email updates only
- discussed offer to merchandise discounts for members: we expect to begin this in 2014
- will meet with other Friends group (Kings Gap) to learn how they handle membership issues

National Public Lands Day

- 25 volunteers participated
- projects included building a walking bridge on Mountain Creek trail, removal of invasive species at Laurel Lake area, repair work at the mansion (painting, step replacement), and kayak maintenance

Donations

- special thanks to Cumberland County Historical Society for \$50.00 after our President gave history talks & walking tour during a weekend event for underprivileged youth

Special Recognition to Board Members Bill (Treasurer) & Sue Breen for logging over 650 volunteer hours! The FOPGF thank you for all you do!

Next board meeting: November 16, 2013