

**Friends of Pine Grove Furnace Board Meeting
November 16, 2013**

In attendance: A. Weltman (Pres.), M. Soderberg (VP), Bill Breen (Treas.), S. Breen, D. Weiser, B. Weiser, M. Schmidt, J. Zimmerman (Park Mngr.), D. Velozo (Sec.)

Treasurer's Report

Firewood sales \$4,540.00
Fall Furnace Fest \$11,596.95
Current balance \$29,664.34

Old Business

Fall Fest 2013 review

Over 7,300 visitors over the 2-day event
37 volunteers served on Saturday
25 volunteers served on Sunday
Total hours: 451.25

Thank you to all our volunteers! Your service to the park is greatly appreciated!
This event continues to grow every year and is our main fundraiser for the park.
Mark your calendars for the 2014 Fest on October 18th-19th!

Merchandise

Pine Grove Furnace merchandise available through catalog orders -view catalog at
www.pinegrovefriends.org Many items and styles to choose from – just in time for Christmas!

Park Patches

Board approved creating new patches to reflect nature/history of the park to be released each year.

Iron Run/5K Challenge Run/Walk

Race details on hold until January meeting. Tentative date: June 7, 2014

MARK YOUR CALENDARS -- FIREWOOD DAYS

Volunteers needed to help cut (log splitter), stack and bundle firewood for campground sales -all profits go directly to the park. Meet at the Park Maintenance area off Tom's Run Road (along Pine Grove Road/Hunter's Run Road- ¼ mile east of the entrance to Fuller Lake). Drive up the hill behind the yellow gate. *Weather permitting

February 8, 2014 12:00-4:00 PM

April 5, 2014 8:00-12:00 PM

New Business

J. Zimmerman, park manager, presented "wish list" for park and staff needs:

Environmental Education items – approved purchase of gear for backpacking program.

Ranger needs – approved purchase of additional signage to advertise park events; approved donation to Yellow Breeches EMS & Mt. Holly Fire Department for fest and marathon support.

Maintenance items - approved purchase of invasive species control sprayer; on hold - campground golf cart for host to distribute items and information to campers.

Administration -furniture for office staff and conference room approved - suggestion to look at consignment and second hand furniture stores.

Playground for family camping area – approved purchase of playset; park has materials to cover pad space.

Goddard Leadership Legacy Institute scholarships – approved funds to provide scholarships for students to attend week long residential camps focusing on environmental studies. Program held at the Ironmaster's Mansion through the Central PA Conservancy.

Membership

We offer FOPGF Members a merchandise sales discount beginning in 2014.

\$1.00 off purchases totaling \$10.00-19.99

\$2.00 off purchases totaling \$20.00-29.99

\$3.00 off purchases totaling \$30.00 or more

Heritage Days

The Friends group will participate in the May,2014 Carlisle Heritage Days.

Grant

The Friends group was awarded a South Mountain Mini-grant to cover half the cost of repairing the stone furnace stack. A contractor will be informed so that work can begin in spring, 2014.

Don't forget!! Log in your volunteer hours. Every hour helps our park with state allocations. Remember to include travel time!

www.volunteers.dcnr.state.pa.us/woklog.aspx

You will need to register the first time and change your password

We would like to extend our gratitude to all our volunteers at Pine Grove Furnace State Park in 2013. You make the park a better place everyday! We look forward to seeing you in 2014! Have a safe and happy holiday season! -- The Friends of Pine Grove Furnace State Park FOPGFSP

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