

Friends of Pine Grove Furnace Group

January, 2014 Board Meeting

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

- **Administration of Friends group:** Executive officers nominated and approved by board.
- **Reports** - submitted to PA Parks & Forest Association - FOPGF activities, volunteer hours* and treasurer's report. Submitted volunteer hours. *Please continue to log in volunteer hours. www.volunteers.dcnr.state.pa.us
- **2014 Budget** - prepared by M. Soderberg; review of revenue and expenditures for 2014 to maintain financial solvency; approved with revisions.
- **Treasurer's report - Balance: \$31,000** expenditures (include): campground playground equipment (matching park funds), Goddard Leadership scholarship, park maintenance, EMS & MT. Holly Fire Department donations, park education equipment, Fall Fest, Iron Run Marathon/5K Race, clothing/merchandise. (Budget and full report available upon request).
- **Membership** - mass mailing (over 150 individual and family contacts) sent to encourage Friends group membership renewals and new memberships; volunteer opportunities and a complimentary Pine Grove Furnace (PGF) oval bumper sticker included.
- **Iron Run Half-Marathon/5K Race/Walk** - discussed addition of 5K Walk to event; volunteer opportunities to assist with registration and course. Please reply if you are interested; race registration available at runreg.com
- **Fall Fest** - entertainment approved and contracts to be sent to confirm.
- **Friends Merchandise** - embroidered patch design approved for 2014 to honor Iron Production at the park 1764-1895 (250th Anniversary); designs for future patches discussed to reflect and celebrate park's history and other aspects of the park. 2000 PGF oval bumper stickers purchased to replenish our stock – in future these will be sold for \$3 each, versus given away free during the 2013 “100th anniversary year.”
- **Save the Stack grant** – A contractor re-bid was necessary but came back at the same cost as their original estimate. Repair work is expected to begin this spring.

FIREWOOD WORK DAY – DUE TO WEATHER, the FEBRUARY 8th workday must be rescheduled.

New date: MARCH 15th at 12:00.

Volunteers needed to help with splitting, bundling and stacking firewood. We will be at the Park Maintenance Building 1/4 mile east of the Park Office where Tom's Run crosses Pine Grove Road. Bring work gloves. All firewood sales benefit FOPGF and the park.

We want to thank all our members and volunteers for their support in 2013! We look forward to welcoming back our past members and new members to our group. This is going to be a great year at Pine Grove Furnace State Park! We hope you can join us for some fun!

Friends of Pine Grove Furnace State Park (FOPGF)

Submitted by,
D. Velozo