

**Friends of Pine Grove Furnace Board Meeting**  
*Minutes for May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014*

Board in attendance: A. Weltman (president), M. Soderberg (vice-president), B. Breen (treasurer), S. Breen, B. Weiser, D. Weiser

**President's comments on new Park staff**

- Sean Benson is officially our new Park Manager as of last week, but is still in transition from his previous posting in western PA. Welcome!
- Also welcome to our new Environmental Educator, Angelea (Lea) Smith coming from nearby Kings Gap. Best wishes to Tara, who is leaving as our EE for new adventures out of PA.

**Treasurer's report**

- Major recent expenditures include \$1000 to support the Mansion/CPC fundraiser races, payment for the furnace stack repair and playground project, and merchandise restocking (\$745). Firewood sales continue to be a major source of Friends funds: this month alone we have taken in more than \$1500! (A detailed report is available upon request).

**Furnace stack repair**

- Repair project started and finished during the first week of April. The stack now has a thick protective layer of concrete across the top.
- Friends president will obtain permanent sign required by mini-grant, and work with vice-president to complete paperwork to release last few dollars from the mini-grant.

**Iron Run half-marathon & Charcoal Challenge 5k races, June 7th**

- Our major efforts continue to get ready for the races in one month. Special thanks to our vice-president and secretary for stepping up to make things happen!
- Volunteer planning for race day is progressing well.

**Requests for support to charitable entities outside the Park**

- Comment from president: we occasionally receive requests for money or other assistance to groups which are not related to Pine Grove Furnace State Park/ Michaux State Forest/PPFF (our parent organization). While these other charitable groups may be doing important and praise-worthy work, they are outside our group's Mission Statement.

**Upcoming events**

- President and vice-president will meet with the PPF Board to explain our work and advocate for Pine Grove Furnace State Park.

**Earth Day on Saturday April 19th**

- Another successful volunteer event! We supplied a grilled lunch as we do every year.

NEXT BOARD MEETING is scheduled for August 16<sup>th</sup>