

Meeting of Monday February 2, 2009

Attendance: Steve Groeger, Anne DeMarais, Pam Mount, Rick Dutko, Helen, Carol Nicholas, Amy Jorgensen, Ben Muzi, Pepper Evans.

New members: Valerie Hickman, Tahira Smith.

Earth Day:

- Steve sent out 36 invitation today to groups to participate in Earth Day April 25, 12-4. We are trying to attract new groups. Call Carol if you want to present or run a program.
- Pepper reported great success finding art teachers willing to participate in the Poster contest. The rules were discussed and Pepper will work with the art teachers to produce a flyer explaining the contest guidelines. Art will be submitted by April 17 for judging. Steve will look into seeing if the Art Show display boards are still available. We may use the clothes line idea if the weather is good. Otherwise if poor weather we will keep the selections indoors. Winners will be displayed on the website, library and newspapers.
- Pepper's Girl Scouts will cook hot dogs. She will contact Carol Chamberlain for health permit.

Trail Clean Up:

- Pam and Open Space Committee will try to organize a community "adopt a park" meeting the morning of Earth Day. She hopes community groups will adopt an area and help to keep them looking good.
- Ben will bring the high school students to clean up March 28, 1-4.
- Pam will check with Rider to see if they have any clubs that want to join in the clean up or participate in Earth Day.
- Rick will reblaze the trails with paint once the weather warms up.
- Steve will email the Harris boys again to remind them the board walks can go in now.

Grants:

- Steve will follow up with Chris the architect to see if we can proceed forward with the deck. If he is unable to complete the drawings, we shall have to find another architect as the grant needs to be completed ASAP.
- Rick will see if the garden grant can be applied to trail development as the person who was going to do the garden has left.
- Rick got a grant from Audubon to buy 20 binoculars for bird programs.
- He has booked a group of Boy Scouts in February and a Girl Scout troop in March.

Family Night:

- Anne is starting to book speakers for the 8 Tuesday nights in July and August. If you want to present a program, contact her now. She would like to have the flyer ready to hand out at Earth Day.

New Business:

- Tahira will be taking a bee keeping course this spring and would like to set up a hive in the meadow.