

FRIENDS OF PANTHER CREEK STATE PARK
Board Meeting
10/3/2008
John LeCroy's House

The meeting began at 8:08 pm.

Present: John LeCroy, John Mitrik, Frank Oakberg, Bonnie Oakberg, Dennis Zazueta, Darrel McGhee, Michelle Mitrik, Sarah Eichelman

Minutes: Minutes from the previous board meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report:

Deposits: \$ 3134.00
 Payments: \$ 1705.10

Previous Checking balance: \$ 9553.58
 Current Checking balance: \$ 21,397.71

Total Money Market: \$ 10,415.23

Dennis put the money from the CDs into a money market account. It is earning 3% interest while we still have access to this amount. At maturity the CDs gave us \$982.48 additional income.

Motions:

Upcoming Dates:

Brick Day – October 18, 2008 at 10:00 am

Bill Catron Overlook Dedication Ceremony – October 26, 2008 at 2:00 pm.

Old Business

Brick Sales: New bricks are ready. We decided to have the next brick laying day on the 18th at 10:00 am since no one will be attending the Friends Conference. John & Michelle will contact those who purchased bricks.

Overlook: The dedication ceremony is set. It will be October 26th at 2:00 pm. It would be good for all Board members to attend. Friends members need to bring food. It could be some sweets or small sandwiches. Dennis will have coffee and hot chocolate. During the meeting we put on address labels and stamps for the postcard invitations. Dennis will contact the newspaper. We should also plan a Friends display area with bricks.

Card Social: The Card Social was a big success. Total net profit was \$1327.19. Great job Dennis.

Friends' Conference: No one from Panther Creek will be attending the conference. It is just too far for most.

New Business

Race Info: Dennis, John Smyth, and Douglas Dub went to Jefferson Federal to be a main sponsor for 4 races in the area plus Mountain Makin for next year. More will come later.

BRAT race: John L. participated in this race (Bike Riders Across Tennessee). This raised over \$60,000 for Cumberland Trail Conference. John L. had an idea to do a similar project with Hamblen county and use the park as the home base and have camping. It was thought to charge \$75 which includes camping plus the Friends could prepare 1 meal.

State Funds: John L. reports that the governor has given much less money for the park to operate next year. Some of the areas of the park may need to close which includes the pool due to its high operating cost. John will report back next time after the Park Manager meeting in October.

Committee Reports:

The group decided that we should have committees only as they are needed other than the current membership and gift shop committees.

Membership – Sheri gave an update post-race to be currently 252 members and 31 corporate members. Sheri noted that the race registrants did not have a spot for their email address so we will have to mail lots of newsletters in the future.

Grant Research – Frank will contact Earl Rowe about interest for this position.

Next Meeting: November 11th 6:30 pm at the Staff House.

The meeting adjourned at 9:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
John Mitrik