

TRUMBULL NATURE COMMISSION

Tuesday, March 20th, 2012
Trumbull Nature & Arts Center
7:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

Agenda Items: Call Meeting to Order
Public Comments – 15 Minutes
Acceptance of February minutes
Treasurer’s Report
2012 Programs & Events
Request from Ricki Davis, Trumbull Community Women, to hold Shredding fundraiser at TNAC on May 5

- Summer programs
- Spring school field trips
- 501c3 Country Fair Fundraiser Event
- Special needs and inner city program development

Membership drive/Membership event
Website and media
Old Business
New Business
Adjournment

Attending: Commission: Chairman Pam Georgas, Kevin Malone, Frank Graszynski, Bonnie Lindsay, Ruth Mohr, Guest: Meg Barnes, Clerk: Sheryl Baumann

Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Minutes Approval

February minutes were approved as presented. Kevin moved on the motion, Frank seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

501c3 Treasurer’s Report

Meg Barnes provided the commission with a report on the 501c3 accounts.

2012 Programs & Events

- Request from Ricki Davis, Trumbull Community Women, to hold Shredding fundraiser at TNAC on May 5

Ricki Davis requested that Trumbull Community Women be allowed to hold a shredding fundraiser on the grounds of TNAC on May 5. Bonnie made a motion to approve the request, Frank seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

- Summer Programs

- Pam proposed 4 weeks of summer programs.
 - Two of the programs will be nature oriented with arts and crafts, conducted by Debbie Artinian and Lana Pirulla.
 - Two of the programs will be ArtSmart weeks conducted by Kathy Vincent. A discussion was held regarding the hiring of a second person to assist with the ArtSmart programs.
- Frank will be conducting a free one day walkabout in June.
- Pam informed the commission that Kathy Vincent proposed a program to be held at night for tweens.

A discussion was held on the cost of the summer programs. Program prices need to be increased to pay for a second person. Frank made a motion to accept the following pricing structure:

- ArtSmart 3 hour programs: \$195
- Nature summer 3 hour programs: \$150
- Nature summer 2 hour programs: \$125

Kevin seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

- Spring School Field Trips

There will be 4 field trips held in May, lead by Maryellen LeMay.

- Jane Ryan second grade field trip on Soil Investigation, to be held on May 15.
- Tashua second grade field trip on Soil Investigation, to be held on May 18.
- Middlebrook second grade field trip on Soil Investigation, to be held on May 24.
- Tashua fourth grade field trip on Botany, Plants, Seeds, Erosion, to be held on May 29.

- 501c3 Country Fair Fundraiser Event

A discussion was held regarding the Event. A Sponsorship Form needs to be created, in addition to the Application Form and Terms and Conditions Forms that were previously completed.

- Special needs and inner city program development

Pam informed the commission that a few people are interested in developing special needs and inner city programs.

- Membership Drive/Membership Event

The commission agreed that a membership drive should be held at the 501c3 Fundraiser Event.

Website and media

A discussion was held regarding registration for programs on the patronsoftnac website. Meg informed the commission that she will change the registration process to make it more user friendly by switching from the current system of ordering each program individually, to a small web store format. The new format will allow all programs to be registered and paid for at one time.

Meg lead a discussion on new email addresses. New addresses will be as follows:

- Emails for registrar@patronsoftnac.com will go to Bonnie Lindsay
- Emails for webmaster@patronsoftnac.com will go to Margaret Barnes
- Emails for info@patronsoftnac.com will go to Bonnie Lindsay
- Emails for artsmart@patronsoftnac.com will go to Kathy Vincent
- Emails for nature programs will go to Pam Georgas

Old Business

No discussion was held.

New Business

Discussions were held on the following topics:

- Ruth Mohr informed the commission that Christ Church Tashua, of Madison Avenue, Trumbull would like to, once again, plant a vegetable garden in the front of the TNAC building. Bonnie made a motion to allow the garden, Meg seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous consent.
- Meg informed the commission that an Eagle Scout is making raised garden beds geared towards using one's five senses. The garden beds will be wheelchair accessible. Ruth discussed the possibility of peastone being placed around the garden beds.
- Pam informed the commission that an Eagle Scout is interested in making picnic tables for TNAC programs. Frank made a motion to to permit the Eagle Scout to make the picnic tables. Kevin seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

Adjournment

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by Sheryl Baumann, Nature Commission Clerk