

Friends of James River Park
Minutes
December 7, 2010
6:00PM At the home of Maureen Egan

Present at the meeting were: Maureen Egan, Mary Helen Sullivan, Betsy Slade, Mary Wickham, Ralph White, Richard Taranto, Warren Foster, Michael White, Elaine Marolla, Ben Lyman & Myrna Hartley.

President, Maureen Egan, called the meeting to order. Introductions were made.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance in the General Fund:	\$ 7144.86
Balance in License Plate Account	\$ 4415.00
Balance in the P & P Fund	\$ 162.97
First Capital Bank CD	\$35231+
Union First Market CD	\$ 5000.00

\$5000 was moved from the P & P fund to a Union First Market CD. Myrna & Mary Helen will meet on 12/14/2010 to go over the books from Enrichmond. The remaining money from Enrichmond will be moved to the general account.

Membership-proposed bylaws change-

There were not enough board members to make a quorum at this meeting. The proposed change will be voted on by e-mail.

Events Volunteers Committee-

The Boat House would like for us to provide a speaker on water quality on January 20 or January 27 from 4-6PM.

Richard and Marguerite will come up with a date for the annual picnic.

Sunday, January 9th, the movie, *River and Tides* is to be shown at Capital Ale House at 6:30. FOJRP meeting for January will be held there starting at 6:00.

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation is to sponsor a work event at the Pony Pasture from 9-12 on December 11.

The Winter Solstice will take place on December 21st at 4:45. Participants are to meet at the foot bridge to Belle Isle. Christmas gifts to be given to James River Park employees. Suggested amounts are: 2 @ \$75 and 6 @ \$25 to be voted on by e-mail by the board.

Budget & Fundraising-

Andy Thompson is to write an article on our license plates

A letter will be sent to everyone in the data base (members, past & present and P & P contributors) urging them to buy license plates. Other ideas on how to boost license plate sales were discussed. Maureen urged all to get these sales in ASAP.

Proposed budget was discussed.

Park employee gifts and amounts to be spent were discussed. This will be voted on by e-mail.

Ralph Report-

Carolyn Graham, Ralph's boss, wants a mandate on "Health and Wellness".

Ralph wants to be able to contact the press to advertise and promote his programs. Attendance at the James River Park programs fell short this past year.

Ralph would like a summer solstice program, maybe "Candles on the Canal".

The park's programs have financial shortcomings. Ralph would like for us to sponsor his programs. This was rejected due to insurance concerns. Programs on Sundays would create a problem with parking lot supervision at the Pony Pasture.

The cutting of vegetation was discussed. Ralph said that it is important what can be seen from inside the park to the outside.

Slave Trail and Heron Walks will begin in February.

Announcements/Next Meeting/Adjourn

The next meeting will be at the Capital Ale House **on Sunday, January 9th at 6:00pm.**

The February meeting will be at the Park Headquarters.

Respectfully submitted by Myrna Hartley