

Peace River Audubon Society
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
First Alliance Church, Port Charlotte

March 8, 2018

Board Members Present: Sandy Artman, Julie Black, Michelle Kloese, Mike Krzyzkowski, Cindy Macri, Eleanor Marr, Ron Mills, Barb Taylor, and Nancy Turner

The agenda and minutes of the past meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved. Highlights included that the Vanguard account was broken down into the scholarship fund and investment fund. In addition we received an Amazon Smile check for \$7.87.

OLD BUISNESS

Education Committee Update:

A motion was made to provide up to \$1000 for the third grade bird feeder project. It was requested that Cynthia from CCPS send us a breakdown of cost for the materials for the three schools interested in participating. In addition, one bag of bird seed per school will be provided.

Young Birders Club:

The initial committee meeting was cancelled due to several members inability to attend from illness. The meeting will be rescheduled during the summer to brainstorm.

Bird Blind Update:

Mike received an email from Becky. There was a great deal of destruction to the feeders. Feeders were seven feet off the ground with new baffles, however there was still destruction. It is believed it may be a bear. Ron plans to get cameras. During the summer blind break we plan to take the feeders down. The roof has been replaced by Bob, the Chief Maintainance Volunteer.

Pennington Update:

Mike read an email sent from Larry. In the email Larry mentioned putting together a photo show of Samuel for the Facebook page. Cindy provided a report from the park volunteers. Pennington is looking great! There is not as much trash as people tend to be using the new trash can. Park volunteers are keeping water on the new plants. Some of the plants have been replaced.

Banquet Committee:

Attendance was down this year to only 76 people. It seems to be isolated incidents that caused the decline. Ron shared the burrowing owls centerpieces. He stated everyone will receive a bookmark. There are also burrowing owl books to give away. There are many items for the silent auction. Larry Lynn will be the MC for the evening. Committee members will arrive at 3:30pm for set up. Julie Black will write the thank you letters. Michelle will send a sample letter to Julie.

Giving Challenge Update:

Julie shared an example of what the PG Isles Civic Association publishes.

Nominating Committee:

The committee is meeting next Friday at Barb Taylor's house. Barb asked Nancy, Cindy, and Eleanor if they would like to remain on the board for another term. All accepted. We are losing Kevin as a board member. Ron will remain on the field trip committee, and Michelle will remain on the education committee. Julie agreed to take over Secretary for Michelle. Nancy does not want to remain on hospitality, and Sandy does not want to head the banquet or silent auction committees. In April an announcement will be made at the general meeting to announce open positions. Nominations will be in May.

NEW BUISNESS

Keep Charlotte Beautiful:

The event will take place on 3/24/18 at 8:00am at Kiwanis Park. Volunteers will receive t-shirts and bags. They are also invited for hot dogs and drinks afterwards at the county.

SFWMD:

Mike signed onto a letter to the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) as it needed to be done by 3/7. He received the email on 3/6 from Brad Cornell of Audubon Florida. Mike read the email and passed it around.

Speakers:

Mike will be working on next year's speakers soon. Mike asked members to email him if there was a speaker to recommend. He gave Brenda from Venice Audubon our speakers list and looked at theirs. It was mentioned that there was a female lawyer that works with conservancy who spoke at the Audubon Assembly a couple years ago and might make a good speaker.

Misc:

Julie Sulik sent an email to Audubon chapter leaders regarding a webinar that will take place on 3/13 at 4:00pm. It was highly suggested to listen to the webinar. A link to the webinar was emailed.

Next General Meeting 3/15/18

Next BOD Meeting 4/12/18