

FOBL Board of Directors Meeting via ZOOM February 8, 2021

Don called meeting to order @ 6:09

Attending: John, Nancy, Adam, Frank, Don, Elisabeth and Doug White joined ~6:15 and Susan ~6:30)

1. October minutes approved with changes. Motion by Nancy; seconded by John; approved unanimously

2. Treasurer's Report: Checking balance is \$3,540.

John requested Board approval of the White's gift in kind, valued at more than \$300. It was approved unanimously. Receipts for purchases of Virginia Rye grass for the garden, and for two 50 foot lengths of fence have been submitted to John.

3. Communications: Fall/Winter newsletter distributed; Spring 2021 issue may describe "projects" etc. - especially important w/new and larger membership
Facebook updates discussed; Don sent Frank some pics of the Emerald Ash Borer project and of a muskrat house in a pond.
Nancy showed an example of a simple postcard for staying in touch with members; FOBL could do something similar?

4. Old business: Don brought up tax status change to allow higher level of contributions. John mentioned that the "EZ" form is simpler and less costly. John will address this after completing 2020 taxes..

5. Committee reports:

Membership - THANKS!! Discussion by Don, Frank and others. Reviewed numbers of members and income.

Reforestation - Adam has removed buckthorn from the Park property at the Y in the trail north of the mini storage, and seeded with Savanna mix from Prairie Moon.
Thanks! The new owners of Walden Woods apartments may be willing to have their buckthorn removed also.

- Cottonwoods? Native tree and used by eagles
- Inventory of existing trees needed to protect desirable trees, and determine which species to plant. Existing list; find for use as a starting point, City Engineering Dept.

- Susan wants to make sure members who donated money for trees would be recognized.
- Don thought up possibly providing tree donor tags?
- Nancy pointed out the City is working on a project to plant 2000 trees, we could be a part of this effort
- Nancy stated that canopy trees are needed in Bass Lake Forest. Nursery supplies of native trees are limited; some species will be scarce.

6. New Business:

Calendar of events:

- Earth Day event; "Coffee in the Woods" 4/22
- Arbor Day event; EAB removal area tree planting w/SLP and Tree Trust 4/30. FOBL can participate and be visible.
- Membership meeting; early May; location?
- SLP EcoTacular (in conjunction with ParkTacular) 6/19
- Need to get t-shirts (or vests?); need to design: logo? Font? Elisabeth will investigate. Maybe a more 'breathable' fabric?

New Director Nomination: Don moved to elect Adam Maier as a director. Nancy seconded the motion. Adam was elected unanimously.

Nancy: surface water discussion; will forward info on some clean water issues

- Water issues not being addressed by City. The application for a 5 year permit to discharge stormwater downstream into neighboring cities, the NPDES, issued by the PCA is not being discussed.
- Nancy has a water steward in mind who may help us

Elisabeth: may not be impossible to have an effect on water

Don adjourned the meeting @ ~7:15