

TRUMBULL NATURE COMMISSION

Tuesday, February 21st, 2012
Trumbull Nature & Arts Center
7:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

Agenda Items: Call Meeting to Order
Public Comments – 15 Minutes
Acceptance of January minutes
501c3 Treasurer's Report
2011 Community Report discussion
2012 Programs & Events
- Summer program
- New instructors, proposal from Debbie Artinian
- Spring school field trips
- Trumbull Young Women's Club Egg Hunt
- Fundraiser Event
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 7:20 p.m.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Minutes Approval

January minutes were approved as presented. Bonnie moved on the motion, Ruth seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

501c3 Treasurer's Report

Meg Barnes reported that there is currently \$1,423.26 in the checking account, and \$18,593.80 in the money marketing account. Total assets are \$19,855.01.

2011 Community Report Discussion

Pam Georgas asked the Commission for comments on the 2011 TNAC Community Report. The only change to be made is to include better graphics for the two pie charts. The reports will be distributed electronically to sponsors and the Town.

2012 Programs & Events

- Summer Programs

Cheryl Bieling recommended Debbie Artinian and Lana Pirulla, who offered to conduct two, one week long workshops/programs. The programs are: 1) Long Island Sound: What's In Your Backyard, and 2) Study of the Outdoors Using All of Your Senses.

- New Instructors, Proposal from Debbie Artinian

Debbie Artinian is interested in handling field trips – starting in the fall.

- Spring School Field Trips

There will be 3 field trips in May, 1 in March, and 1 in the summer.

- Jane Ryan requested a second grade field trip to be held in May.
- There will be a second grade Middlebrook field trip in May.
- There will be a second grade Tashua field trip in May.
- There will be a first grade Middlebrook field trip on March 6th.
- This summer, Karin King will conduct a preschool program on August 3rd.

- Trumbull Young Women's Club Egg Hunt

The Club requested permission to hold their Egg Hunt on the grounds of TNAC on either March 31st or April 1st. The commission agreed that either date would be permissible.

- Fundraiser Event

A discussion was held regarding the status of the event planning. Kevin made a motion to accept the proposal that Pam write a letter to First Selectman Tim Herbst in request of the necessary services and equipment to run the Event. Bonnie seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

- Membership Drive/Membership Event

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

Website and media

Bonnie is looking into having a shopping cart on the website.

Old Business

No discussion was held.

New Business

Discussions were held on the following topics:

- New picnic tables are needed for the large amount of students expected at the upcoming field trips. A suggestion was made regarding the solicitation of corporate sponsors to donate their services and supplies in building new picnic tables as a team-building day.
- The TNAC building's second bathroom requires repairs. A request will be made to the Town to make such repairs as necessary to make the bathroom functional.
- A storage room in the back of the TNAC building is in need of a clean-out. Pam will attempt to facilitate.

- A Scout leader asked TNAC if help is needed on the grounds. No immediate answer was forthcoming.
- Trumbull Community Women asked if TNAC needs help on the April Community Clean-up day. No immediate answer was forthcoming.
- The possibility of the 501c3 obtaining liability insurance. Pam will find out from the Town what is required.

Adjournment

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by Sheryl Baumann, February Meeting Nature Commission Clerk