

TRUMBULL NATURE COMMISSION

Monday February 9, 2009
Trumbull Nature & Arts Center
7115 Main Street, Trumbull
7:00 pm.

Agenda: Call Meeting to Order
Public Comments or Discussions – 15 Minutes
Chairman's Announcements – Pam Georgas
Treasurer's report – Meg Barnes
Acceptance of minutes
2009 Program & Events
Membership & Volunteers
Property & Building Development
Old Business
New Business
Adjournment

Attending: Commission Chairman Pam Georgas, Treasurer Meg Barnes, Paul Buttress, Kevin Malone, guest Ruth Mohr, guest Thu Tran, guest Frank Grazynski and clerk Bonnie Lindsay

Meeting called to order at 7:09 pm.

Comments: Ruth stated her and Mark have three 1st grade classes attending the Center for the “Mourning Cloak Butterfly” program in conjunction with maple sugaring and re-cycling programs.

Meg introduced Thu, a member of the Junior Master Gardener Program. Meg gave Thu a tour of the grounds and Center. They will discuss the Center's needs for application to the Junior Master Gardener 6-8 week help program.

Announcements: Frank Grazynski, the Development Manager of the Westport Nature center (Earthplace) has applied to be on our commission. Frank introduced himself to the group and outlined both his interest and experience with nature related programs.

Pam reported on her meeting with other Town Departments including the Library, Art Commission, Senior Commission, and Recreation Commission. Discussions included developing a Community Calendar to reduce program and event conflicts.

Treasurer's Report was approved as reported. Kevin moved on the motion and Paul seconded the motion.

Minutes were approved as presented. Meg moved on the motion and Kevin seconded the motion.

2009 Program and Events:

Kathy Vincent has suggested two 1-week ½ day Summer Art Program. Kathy's fee for each week would be \$200/child which includes all required art supplies. The weeks for the art classes would be 6/29 – 7/3 and 7/6 – 7/10. Kevin moved on the motion to set the charge at \$225/child and Paul seconded the motion.

Pam was contacted by “Wild man” Steve Brill to put his program on our Summer Events. Paul moved to investigate the timing and costs of such a program and Kevin seconded the motion. Paul will contact Mr. Brill for more information.

Pam has been contacted by parents regarding Art Class Theme Birthday Parties. Pam indicated Kathy Vincent would run these one-hour parties for a fee of \$160/for up to 16 children (Kathy would bring art supplies). After a discussion, Kevin and Meg moved to have a pilot program for these parties set at \$175/parties for 16 children. The fee would increase to \$10 extra for each child over the number of sixteen. Paul seconded the motion.

Scouts: Ray Baldwin has approved the use of the grounds (with a Town permit) for overnight Scout Camp-outs.

Community: The new 2009 Winter/Spring Pamphlet has been created and distributed. Kevin made a motion to have the High School Environmental Club meet at the Center. Kevin would help conduct these meetings. Meg seconded the motion.

Art Auction Fund Raiser: The materials for the fund raising was sent out Friday. The Trumbull Community Women have volunteered their time for set-up and the serving of refreshments. Discussion included nominations for a new individual and/or group sustaining award to be presented at the auction.

Paul gave an update on preparations for the February 21st Maple Sugaring/Pancake Breakfast.

Membership: Bonnie will update the Membership Letter and get Membership Cards made.

Property & Building Development: John DeVecchio and Antinozzi Associates will work with the Instructors from Bullard Havens to determine final plans for the siding and any future projects.

There being no further business, Paul moved to adjourn the meeting and Kevin second the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Minutes recorded and reported by Bonnie Lindsay, clerk

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