

Minutes of Reversing Falls Sanctuary
General Meeting
August 21, 2013

The meeting opened @ 4:06 PM.

Members Present: Karen Adamo, Tom Adamo, Dkasha Janet Baumann, Gerry Bryan, Ralph Chapman, Doug Cowan, Anne Ferrara, Tony Ferrara, Carol Gregor, Dick Gregor, Dan Huisjen, Chris Farrow Noble, Carole Pascal, Barbara Peppy, Jackie Pike, Rob Shetterly, Gary Vencill, Pat Wheeler

Tony Ferrara, Facilitator distributed an Agenda
Tom Adamo, Minutes Taker

Anne Ferrara read a piece about nature written by Mary Oliver.

Program Team Report:

Pat Wheeler reported that the first fund raising activity will be held on August 27, 2013 @ 6:00 PM at the Brooksville Community Center. The activity will be music performed by Mike and Suzie Fay and the Brooklin Band. The performance will be help outside if possible.

Action: Carole Pascal will do the set up. Beginning @ 5PM

Tony Ferrara and Gary Vencill will do traffic and parking.

Beverly Kelly, Chris Farrow Noble and Carole Pascal will do food, cookies and brownies etc.

A flyer was prepared for distribution around towns

A brochure was designed and printed to be distributed at the event

Action Needed: More cookies, brownies, drinks (non alcoholic) and cups.

Action: Ralph Chapman will do introductions of the event and its purpose as well as comments concerning RFS and its needs and programs

There will be a donation jar on a table and envelopes will be placed in a container for people to pick up or possibly distributed to people when they enter. This was undecided.

Carol Gregor will mingle with the collection bowl.

All monies raised at the event will be given to Karen Adamo for accounting and deposit.

Action Needed: The envelope distribution question will need to be decided on the night of the event.

Three programs have been sponsored or co-sponsored by RFS since our last meeting: Artist Lila Roo performed a multimedia art show using all recycled materials and focusing on the connectedness of hearts world wide and across species. (Minute takers comment) The performance had good attendance.

Gerry Bryan did a workshop/book discussion on positive psychology using Martin Seligman's newest book Flourish. There will be another session on August 25, 2013 from 4:5:30 PM

There have been ongoing Labyrinth Walks at the Noble residence each and every Thursday @ 9 AM. This is in addition to the announced Saturday walks.

Up and Coming Events

A Place at the Table. Organized by Beverley Kelley and Julie Nicholson

IONA	“	“	The Noble's
Peace Conf Report	“	“	Rob Shetterly
Story of the Cosmos	“	“	The Ferrara's
Hutchinson Play	“	“	Gary Vencill
Farm and Art Exchange	“	“	Pat Wheeler

Action Needed: Dates and Times

Building Team Report:

Action: Barbara Peppy reported there were two work days with adequate turnout and much work accomplished. The first was an outside day and the second was an inside day. Dan Husijen sealed the cellar floor with plastic and removed the carpet, which he has recycled into mulch.

Action Needed: Ongoing plan for set up and clean up of the building.

Decision of what is to be done with the wood that was cut.

Roof repair: over vestry, David Vandiver checked things out and believes it is mostly flashing and possible a few shingles.

SE gutter is growing greenery; needs to be cleaned.

An interesting but inconclusive discussion was had about the intersection of the three teams. How they would interface with projects; including programs and building projects and the role of the finance team within the dynamics of the triad so that goals are met and plans completed seamlessly. (Minute takers comment: if you think this is a mouthful wait until we successfully tackle this task)

Finance Team Report: Doug Cowan spoke about our tax status being derived from BUMC. What is the intersection between RFS and BUMC and the Methodist Church Authority? We need a baseline budget. What are we raising money for? What are the essential items to be done? How do we manage these issues in light of the organizational structure?

Action:

Decided that some of these issues need to be discussed with BUMC

Administrative Council the “Ye Doers” then;

Invite Pat MacHugh, UMC District Supervisor to a meeting to address some of the structural issues from a broader perspective. Anne Ferrara will invite when timely.

We need a money asker at each event. At the August 27th fund raising event it will be Carol Gregor.

Action Needed: Set up meeting with the Ye Doers

Set up internal communications network

Database for fundraising effort.

Develop marketing tool

For the good of the order:

Barbara Peppy suggested that all three teams meet before the next general meeting

Next Meeting: Wednesday September 18th @ 4:00 PM at RFS

Dick Gregor conduct opening

Carol Gregor to facilitate

Minute Taker to be established at meeting

Respectfully submitted by Tom Adamo