

# LNC Minutes for 01-03-13

Attendance: Sue Herrmann, Anne Demarais, Teresita Bastides-Heron, Dave Bosted, Nick Bosted, Tristan Jordan, Janet Kane, Jennifer Hsiao, Pamela Mount, John Gaskins

Introductions: Janet Kane was introduced and she might help with publicity. Jennifer is representing the Lawrence Elementary School PTO.

Nick Bosted's Eagle Scout Project: The proposal is to construct about 80 feet of boardwalk after the Beaver bridge. The material will be Trex material and will involve galvanized screws. This will be compatible with existing boardwalks, being 3 feet wide and raised on 4 x 4s. He has a preliminary estimate without discounts of about \$2200. He will also contact Home Depot and Trex and try to get a discount, which is common for Eagle Scout Project. He plans to have a pasta party at the American Legion Post to raise funds. He is now going through the approval process with the Scouts. Nick hikes the trails frequently and so was able to identify this section as staying wet over the long term and often overgrown in the warmer months. Teresita will be Nick's contact person. The board voted to accept Nick's project.

Registering for Events: It was generally accepted that we should continue registration to get an idea of attendance. We will ask people to register by sending an email to the gmail account. This will help us to collect contact information from potential attendees in the future.

Jennifer Hsiao proposal: She wants to invite us to the Science and Discovery Night on Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Lawrenceville Elementary School. It is geared to K-3 children and gets 300-400 attendees. Sue said that Linda Burroughs might be available to help with an identifying animal tracks as a project at an LNC table. Pam said she might be able to contribute since they do something similar at her farm. Sue and Linda will staff the table and Jennifer has high school students who can help too. We will provide literature about the LNC and hiking trails in Lawrence.

Future Topics: We should address whether we should become a 501c3 in the future and also how we might use social networking. Pam suggested it is essential, and especially in today's environment, to become a 501c3 for fundraising purposes. Pam and Anne discussed the liability issues entailed in 501c3 status. John suggested we contact the Lawrence Historical Society about these issues since we have considered essentially copying their relationship with Lawrence Township. Anne said we should have a lawyer come to talk about the pros and cons with us.

Calendar: The Mother Nature Festival will be Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> (12noon-4 PM). Pam and Tahirih Smith will help Teresita. She will try to have 3 musical acts this year instead of one. Teresita will ask help from Janet, if necessary, regarding publicity for this event.

Rick will have various events in January and February. Beginner Bird Watching will be January 19<sup>th</sup> (10 am – 12 noon), February 2<sup>nd</sup> (10 am – 12 noon), & February 10<sup>th</sup> (10 am – 12 noon), and the Winter Full Moon Hike will be January 26<sup>th</sup> (7 pm – 9 pm). There is no definite date set for the March Mad Science program.

We will have an LNC table organized by Sue at the screening of the movie *Sourlands* on February 21<sup>st</sup> (6:30 PM) at the Lawrence Headquarters Branch of the Mercer County Library System.

Photo Exhibit: Teresita wants to contact Mr. Redmann about doing an underwater photography exhibit. Anne suggested the Spring as a good time of year for such an exhibit.

Sue's Report: On December 28<sup>th</sup>, Sue meant with Marcia Steinberg and Melva Jaz of HomeFront. They are interested in any potential programs and possibly borrowing books. Sue and Dr. Alan Remde are working on a microscope program. Nature Walks are also a possibility. HomeFront has vans for transporting the students.