

FLNC Meeting Minutes 02-12-14

Attendance: Katherine Gyantar, Andre Ribeiro, Mr. Ribeiro, Rick Dutko, Helen Dutko, Anne Demarais, Janet Kane, Teresita Bastides-Heron, Dave Bosted, Linda Townshend, John Gaskins

Minutes: The minutes were approved as written.

Scout Projects: Andre Ribeiro of troop 38 proposed making 5 or 6 picnic tables for the handicapped as an Eagle Scout project. Dave suggested that 5 or 6 may be too difficult of a project and that it is preferable if the tables be not too heavy. Anne, and many other members, were very enthusiastic about this rather original project.

Garden: Katherine Gyantar would like to start a garden here as well as gardening classes. She has a B.S. in Nutrition, has worked as a pre-school teacher, and has farming experience. Anne pointed out that Eldridge Park School has empty gardening beds and that that may be a good place to start. Other members mentioned other possible projects, such as at the Community Center. Katherine would however like to start something here. Anne pointed out that maintenance could be a hard job. Rick suggested Katherine write up a proposal detailing the major tasks, materials, and personnel that might be involved. John noted that the members here could suggest contacts that may be able to help with gathering materials and person power.

Newsletter: Teresita suggested that Sustainable Lawrence's Living Local Expo on March 29th could be in the newsletter as well as the Mother Nature Festival. The FLNC is certainly invited to participate in the former. Dave volunteered to write a passage on Arbor Day. Anne suggested we have some pictures and passages concerning what is happening with nature here at The Lawrence Nature Center. Rick is willing to write some text but also noted that others are welcome to contribute also.

Mother Nature Festival: Teresita expressed concern about whether we could pay for the Wild Animal Show at the Mother Nature Festival. Linda said it wouldn't be a problem. Eli the Hawk is willing to play his music for free. The Mountain View Band may participate as well.

Earth Hour: It was decided that Virginia Kelly is welcome to have Earth Hour events here with the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Submitted,

John Gaskins