

## Lake Park Friends Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, Feb. 25th, 2008 7:00 p.m. Location: Community Room

Excused: Dennis Buettner, Jim Cope, BG Hook, Dave O'Brien, Oliver Plunkett  
Absent: Virginia Schwartz

1. The meeting was called to order without a quorum present at 7:12PM by Sarah Slaughter.
2. The previous month's minutes were reviewed and approved by executive order.
3. No Treasurer's report was given.
4. No County/Government update was presented.
5. Old Business:
  - a. Wolcott Statue dedication/donor party – Invitations were to go out for the event April 21. The plaque is at Rock of Ages.
  - b. Membership levels/membership brochure – There was discussion about looking into changing the membership procedures from a rolling renewal to yearly renewal to help ease administrative maintenance.

The Membership Committee also met to determine if membership levels need to increase. They suggest three levels: individual, family and student/senior, with enhanced levels of membership at the patron, sponsor, benefactor and Olmsted levels. The Bylaws state how the levels of membership should be named and would need an amendment to change the names. Discussion was tabled until the March meeting.

c. Office update: staffing hours, purchases, etc. – Ann Wollmer has been doing an excellent job in the office, and there was discussion about extending her hours to keep up with the work that she is already doing that exceeds the current work schedule. The present board members decided to table the discussion until the March meeting.

d. Committee assignments – There was discussion about the need for active board participation and leadership in the committees. The updated organizational chart of the committees was reviewed, and Donna Smith agreed to review and edit it to clarify the many areas the Lake Park Friends oversees. Dave O'Brien and Tom Cheney need commitments from the Board for their involvement in the committees.

e. Bench pricing – Tom Cheney will follow up with Roland Daneau for clarification on the price of \$2145 and what this does and does not include. Assuming this amount does not include deferred maintenance or ongoing administration, Sarah Slaughter and Steve Morse suggested that adding at 10% cost for both line items would be sufficient. In so doing, \$2500 per bench is not enough to cover these costs, and it may be necessary to

increase the price of the benches. The present board members decided to table the discussion until the March meeting.

6. New Business:

a. Future board / and Annual meeting dates – Going forward in 2008-09, the Board will meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month, with meetings to be cancelled at the discretion of the President. The new meeting schedule will start after the Annual Meeting (May 27, 2008). Also, there was discussion that the Annual Meeting be held on a Monday early evening instead of Sunday afternoon. The 2008 Annual Meeting will be held Monday, May 19.

It was agreed that Marcia Coles should receive the first annual Volunteer of the Year award, and that the subsequent award be given in her name to honor her work for Lake Park Friends.

b. Fundraiser date – The 2008 fundraiser will be held on Sunday, September 8 with details to follow.

c. Weed Out & other programs for the upcoming year - No date for Weed Out yet, but the program typically takes place each weekend in May. Tom Cheney is coordinating help for these weekends.

d. Bock grant submission – Thanks to Ann Wollmer for her outstanding work on bringing the Bock Grant together. The information gathered can serve as a template for other grant requests.

e. Ice rink update – The ice rink closed at the end of February and Ann Wollmer shared her efforts to pursue maintenance for the ice rink throughout the season. There was discussion that the County sign a contract for the season about what they will and will not be able to do and when the rink will be closed for maintenance.