

# **Naturalist Report**

## **November/December 2023**

### **Admin/Finance**

- Endowment Update: We withdrew \$13, 002.54 from the 1000 Islands' Golden Passport Account at the Bank of Kaukauna. This check will be taken to the Community Foundation to start the new Endowment Fund. Maureen is working with Will (Director of Finance) and the City Attorney to review the Community Foundation's agreement to ensure all is in order before the Mayor and Sally Kenney sign the agreement.

### **Education**

- Motus info now live online at motus.org. There have been no detections as of 12/19. Hopefully spring migration will result in some data.
- The Fox Valley Bald Eagle Nest Watch program will continue for 2024 as I will volunteer to coordinate the program. Deb will coordinate with the new Naturalist to hand the program over before the 2025 nesting season.
- Plans for Eagle Days are coming together and Brad Garrity will be the lead person for the day. The Friends group will have a food stand. Event promotions have been completed on FB, Website and Community Calendars.
- We had 640 students at 1000 Islands for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter field trips. Over half of these students were from the Kaukauna Area School District. (See the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Dashboard for more information.)
- The 1000 Islands Summer Programing schedule is set completed and Sarah is working with the Library to complete the collaborated programs that will be offered.
- We have had an issue with algae in the second fish tank and are seeking out help to correct this. Also the sand table is not working properly. IT will be called to correct the problem

### **Building & Grounds**

- A single unit washer and dryer was purchased to wash towels and aquarium filters. Site Manager Garrity will work on getting the appliance installed. The washer is delivered and Enterprise Electric has been here to give us an estimate and Peterson Plumbing will be stopping by to do the same.
- Nowak and Garrity met with Public Works Director Neumeier regarding the boardwalk project. Neumeier will look for permission to bid in February or March and look to bid the project in spring. It is hopeful that the project can be completed over two years instead of three. The Community Foundation and the Nelson Family Fund are interested in funding this project. Garrity will submit a proposal to them for review before February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Brad Garrity and Don Neumeier met with engineers in regard to the retention pond in the Upper Woods and the work that will be completed to increase the size. Part of the trail will need to be closed to complete this work.