

1000 ISLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE

City of Kaukauna
Nature Center Building
1000 Beaulieu Court, Kaukauna



Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at 7:30 AM

MINUTES

In-Person

1. Call to Order

Education Sub-Committee Chair Pautz called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM.

Members Present: Carlson, Jakel, Pautz, White

Also Present: Breitzman, Nowak

2. Reading and Approval Minutes

a. 1000 Islands Education Sub-Committee Minutes of November 18, 2021

Jakel moved to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the November 18, 2021 Education Sub-Committee Meeting as presented. Second by White. Motion passed.

3. Old Business

a. Programming Update

Nowak shared an update on the current programming schedule and adult program options coming up this summer. With our program calendar at capacity, we are now turning groups away for both spring and summer field trips. Nowak encouraged committee members to attend some of the public programs to help provide feedback for future programs. Pautz mentioned the possibility of committee members offering some help to the Friends group in the preparation and facilitation of the Spring Art Fair. A few different areas of assistance were discussed and everyone was encouraged to help where they could.

4. New Business

a. Discuss ideas for fall public event

Nowak informed the group that there will be a new public education event for fall. It is scheduled to take place on Saturday, September 24th and will focus on the Fox River. Nowak shared a list of potential activities and partners to reach out to for the event. A few new suggestions were added as well. Nowak and Assistant Naturalist Ironside will continue to work on some preliminary details and will invite interested individuals to sit on a small planning committee to help with organizing the event.

b. Strategic Planning - Education Items

Nowak would like to revisit the strategic planning process that was started in 2021. She requested that the education sub-committee have small group strategic brainstorming session soon to provide additional input into a 5 year plan. This plan will be used to direct future projects and budget requests. Nowak will schedule a meeting with the education

sub-committee with plans of holding the meeting once the naturalist intern is on-board and trained. Similar meetings will be suggested for other sub-committees as well as staff.

5. Other Sub-Committee Items

Pautz asked about the status of reaching out to retired teachers to help as programming volunteers. White and Breitzman will reach out to fellow retirees to see who might be interested.

Nowak mentioned some planning done by Assistant Naturalist Ironside regarding the creation of a toddler area in the back corner of the Fox River Room. There are funds that have been restricted for education that can be utilized to cover the costs of items. Group was supportive of the project. With no expenditures over the amount that requires Committee approval, Nowak will move forward with plans.

6. Adjournment

White moved to adjourn. Second by Carlson. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 AM

NOTICES

THIS MEETING IS ACCESSIBLE TO THE HANDICAPPED. IF REQUESTED THREE (3) DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING, A SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE.

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