

**MANCHESTER PARKS FOUNDATION
BOARD MEETING April 7, 2008
Charlotte's Quest Nature Center**

Present: Ellen Rugemer, Sharon Hughes, Ellen Frey, Betty Smith, Donna Davis, Marcia Bogash, Carol Hose

Town of Manchester: Dale Wilder

Volunteer: Tom Smith

Meeting called to order at 7:05 by President Ellen Rugemer.

Minutes approved as read. Motion by Betty Smith, seconded by Sharon Hughes.

Treasurer's Report(Attached)Approved as read. Motion by Ellen Frey, seconded by Marcia Bogash.

WEB: 203 new visitors

PR: Flyers and posters out for Spring Fest. Press releases sent to all papers. Yellow banner will be placed on sign on York Street tomorrow

Naturalist: Remulching trails with kids. Will assist with Spring Fest. Has put up Eye Spy Exhibit. The Earth Kids are requesting garden type tools.

Easter Egg Hunt: Betty Smith handed out suggestions of how to assist in crowd control.

- 1. Walking to age 3 (no parents helping)**
- 2. All Volunteers will carry baskets of eggs for those who do not find any eggs.**
- 3. Have ages 7-8 year olds in a separate group**
- 4. Leave 4-6 years olds intact.**
- 5. Ages 9-12 year olds in a separate group**
- 6. We need to enlist a group of Volunteers to assist in Hunt the 5 volunteers were overwhelmed.**

Suggestion (not voted on) was to charge \$1.00 per car.

Next year there will be Walky Talkies and a Speaker System in place.

Here will be a Story Teller to occupy younger kids who have finished hunt.

SPRING FEST:

Have not heard from Petting Zoo. Following are confirmed:

Guide Dogs, Girl Scouts, Smokey Bear, Paper Making, Deer Talk, Bird Feeder Making, Master Gardeners, Live Music, Rocks and Minerals.

Crafts: Flower Pots, Tree Discs, snakes, Paper Bags and Stamps, Sand and Stones

Also: Journals, Scavenger Hunt, Duck Pond, Fishing

Prizes needed. 2 dozen will be purchased otherwise can get a ticket for craft or duck pond.

Food Costs will be set on the day of the event.

Ellen Frey will take care of water, soda and rolls

Carol Hose will take care of hot dogs and chips

Water will cost \$1.00 and soda will cost \$1.00

Marcia will provide paper goods

Ellen will call Town about Speaker System

Betty Smith will provide camp stove

Volunteers due at 9:30 on 5/04...Clean Up Day will be 5/03 at 10:00

Betty Smith has Group on 4/29

Facilities: Tree down but not on Park property. Tom Smith trimmed it by hand. It came down on Trail along the stream beyond the cave.

Trails in good shape. Tom Smith spoke to Don Nott and Aquashade will be placed in pond in April. Some things on Town list have been attended to.

Building: Tom Smith will caulk around building due to leaks. He has placed wooden strips around base of old shed to slow down rodents.

Old Business: PTO money. Betty Smith will use for Walky Talkies (6). She will purchase 5...16 by 20 Tarps. As well as storage bins to hold them. PTO is also redoing Butterfly Garden. Plants to be purchased at Wakefield Valley Nursery. Tom has found bricks to make a path thru Garden. He will need about 200 more bricks.

Earth Day: Kids plan to mulch trails. Kindergarten and third grade are working on Butterfly Garden.

Memory Grove Sign: Master Gardeners have requested recognition on sign as to design. Design to be submitted to Board for OK.

Meeting With Town: Dale Wilder will meet with Town so that meeting will go well.

April 17, 18 and 19 Archaeologists will be on premises.

April 19 Eagle Scout will be putting up stage.

New Business: Betty Smith spoke to Donna Osler, PTO president at Ebb Valley about use of facility. Also Collette Deltava who is Chair of Fitness Committee at Ebb Valley and Charlotte's Quest needs to be discussed with Wayne Thomas. Steve Miller will speak to him.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Submitted: Marcia Bogash, Secretary