

Manchester Parks Foundation
Minutes from May 5, 2003
Recorded by Sharon Hughes, Treasurer

OFFICERS

- √ Elsie McCleary, President
- √ Ellen Rugemer, Vice-President
- √ Sharon Hughes, Treasurer

BOARD MEMBERS

- √ Jenny Walters
- * Steve Bankert
- √ Betty Smith

(A √ indicates presence at the date above, and a * indicates notification of absence.)

Chairperson Elsie McCleary called the Manchester Parks Foundation monthly meeting to order on May 5, 2003, at 7:15 PM, at Charlotte's Quest Nature Center.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- Minutes from the April meeting were reviewed.
- A motion was made by Ellen Rugemer to accept the April minutes as written. Elsie McCleary seconded the motion. The minutes stand approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Treasurer's Report was presented by Sharon Hughes
- April Report: Income-\$203.00 Expenditures-\$864.34
- Balance-\$2,986.72
- A motion was made by Ellen R. to accept the Treasurer's Report as written, and was seconded by Elsie M.
- The Treasurer's Report stands approved.

Old Business

- Manchester Elementary School will hold "Australia Day" at the center on May 28th, weather permitting.
- Henry Leskinen is gathering plants for the landscaping project on May 18th. The ground is to be tilled a few days prior to the planting.
- More Work Days added: June 14, 2003 12:00 PM-3:00 PM

July 12, 2003 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Aug. 4, 2003 5:00 PM-7:00 PM prior to monthly meeting.

- Naturalist Position-Ellen R. suggested that Sharon Hughes contact Irvine Natural Science Center and the Agricultural Extension Service in addition to the other local nature centers concerning the Naturalist Position.
- Still need to fill the Secretarial position.

Future Programs and Events

- Work Days- May 13 & 14 5PM-7PM
- Planting Day-May 18 10:00-Noon
- Maryland State Police Dogs-June 7 10 A.M.-?

New Business

- Ellen R. noticed gaps in the T1-11 siding on the outside of the Interpretive Building. The gaps are appearing in each “corner” of the center’s octagon-shaped building. Ellen will contact Steve Miller about the matter.
- The budget for fiscal year 2003-2004 was approved with the final changes made at this meeting.
- Sharon H. will make a bulleting of events to send to the Carroll County Tourism Office to be added to the county’s annual events bulletin.
- Sharon H. is also checking the boundaries of Charlotte’s Quest Nature Center to have it drawn on a Carroll County map and sent to the Carroll County Office to have the nature center added to the next printing of Carroll County maps.
- The idea was proposed that the Board hold an “Open House” for Manchester Elementary School students only. Sharon H. liked the idea but did not want to eliminate the one for the community. The board felt that having two Open Houses at this time would be too much. It was decided to continue holding a Community “Open House”.
- Betty S. has asked the board about purchasing some additional stools to accommodate the larger class sizes. Sharon H. will send for a catalog from Demco.

Open Discussion:

- Betty Smith suggested changing the name of Open House to something more inviting. The board readily accepted this idea.
- Sharon H. proposed taking over the handling of the entire “Open House” event with a price cap by the board. Ellen R. does not think that one person should handle the event. The event will be handled as it has been in the past.
- Elsie M. suggested stepping up publicity for the nature center and to also have a band for next year’s “Open House”. Ellen R. made the suggestion that everyone thinks about what they like to do at other ‘festivals’ and come back with ideas at the next meeting.

Adjournment:

Betty Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ellen Rugemer seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM.