

**Manchester Parks Foundation  
Minutes from October 6, 2003  
Recorded by Brenda Wulforst, Secretary**

**OFFICERS**

- \* Elsie McCleary, President
- √ Ellen Rugemer, Vice-President
- √ Brenda Wulforst, Secretary
- √ Sharon Hughes, Treasurer

**BOARD MEMBERS**

- √ Jenny Walters
- √ Steve Bankert
- √ Betty Smith
- \* Bill Skinner
- \* Donna Baker

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

Ellen Rugemer, Vice President, called the Monthly Meeting of the Manchester Parks Foundation to order on October 6, 2003 at 7:00 P.M.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

- Minutes from the August meeting were reviewed.
- Steve Bankert made a motion to accept the September minutes as written. Jenny Walters seconded the motion.
- The minutes stand approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- The September Treasurer's Report was presented by Sharon Hughes
- The September report was adjusted to reflect the following:
- September income-\$87.00
- September expenses-\$32.27
- Balance-\$4,173.81
- A motion was made by Steve Bankert to accept the amended Treasurer's Report. This was seconded by Brenda Wulforst.
- The Treasurer's Report stands approved as amended.

**Old Business**

- Memory Grove-Three new trees will be planted on October 12.
- Steve Bankert will pick up the trees from the nursery and prepare the site for planting. Light refreshments will be served at the planting ceremony. Betty Smith is looking for a replacement for the damaged Redbud (a replacement Sycamore is also needed).
- Building Update-The building has been emptied in preparation for repairs. Steve Bankert has volunteered to store most of the contents. Anyone requiring access to any of the stored equipment should contact Steve.

- **Promotional Gifts-**After much discussion, the group agreed to purchase customized rulers for children and pencils for the adults who visit Charlotte's Quest. Additionally, donations of \$50 or more will be acknowledged by a leaf on a tree branch at the Nature Center, and donations of \$500 or greater will be recognized by presenting an engraved plaque to the donor.
- **Field Trips-**Sharon Hughes conducted three successful field trips in September. Both preschoolers and second graders enjoyed pond study outings; seven new species of insects were identified. The Nature Center needs to acquire more aquatic nets.

#### **Facilities-**

- **Hurricane Isabel** downed several trees on Nature Center property.
- **Students Andy Young and Greg Miller** will clear and maintain trails to fulfill National Honor Society requirements.
- **Pete Wulforst, volunteer,** will contact Sterling Bonnard to confirm participation in a volunteer project for approximately eight to twelve employees from McCormick Co. A workday has been planned for these volunteers to help clear invasive plants, mainly multiflora rose, from the area that has been designated for the creation of a riparian buffer.

#### **Future Programs and Events**

- **No programs** are scheduled pending Nature Center repairs.

#### **New Business**

- **Cub Scout Pack 320** has requested use of the Nature Center grounds on October 18 to host a Halloween party. The request was approved.
- **A letter from the Manchester/Lineboro Lions Club** was read. The Lions are proposing joint sponsorship with the Town of Manchester for a 2004 Fall Fest, to be held at Charlotte's Quest. Ellen Rugemer will contact Barbara Forrester of the Lions Club to discuss this idea.

#### **Open Discussion:**

- **None**

#### **Adjournment:**

**Steve Bankert** moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM. **Jenny Walters** seconded this motion. The meeting was adjourned.