

Board Meeting Minutes

Monday Aug. 26, 2019 9am

818 Bagaduce Road Brooksville, ME



REVERSING FALLS SANCTUARY

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1. Meeting opens with reading from Parker Palmer's Thirteen Ways of Looking at Community (attached).
2. Previous minutes from July 22 and August 12 approved with correction of spelling of the opening reading on July 22: Rhubarb Route (not Root).
3. Building & Grounds Report presented by Daksha.
4. Program Report (in brief) presented by Gary Vencill. Climate Convergence Conference follow up event at Tinder Hearth on September 29 is not being advertised in the newspaper. Bill Gawley live recording session fundraiser at RFS is scheduled for Sunday September 15.
5. Kitchen should be able to be used (not finished) in mid September. Considering a food event in November.
6. Treasurer's Report presented by Karen. Current balance of \$16,557.71. Immediate need for \$3,000 for the crane relative to the steeple repair. Polly's play brought in \$230. Jane Crosen event brought in \$13 in donations and \$16 as a proportion of sales. Church can borrow funds from their investment account. Ralph to be put onto checking account, Anne to be removed (as she is retiring from the Board).
7. Safe Sanctuary Policy and Building Use Policy updated as requested: updated mission statement (same as on web site); unstated (left blank) dollar amount for rent (it is negotiable). Board approves changes.
8. Sponsorship form to collect information for sponsorship decisions. After additional minor corrections, form will come back at next meeting for review.
9. Board Goals discussion: see attached summary table of discussion.
10. Next meeting: Monday September 30, 2019 at 9am at RFS
11. Board member recruitment committee formed: Kathleen, Ralph, and Martha; Ralph will chair.
12. Meeting adjourns.



20190826 Parker Palmer, from *Thirteen Ways of Looking at Community*

I. Whether we know it or not, like it or not, honor it or not, we are embedded in community. Whether we think of ourselves as biological creatures or spiritual beings or both, the truth remains: we were created in and for a complex ecology of relatedness, and without it we wither and die. This simple fact has critical implications: community is not a goal to be achieved but a gift to be received. When we treat community as a product that we must manufacture instead of a gift we have been given, it will elude us eternally. When we try to “make community happen,” driven by desire, design, and determination—places within us where the ego often lurks—we can make a good guess at the outcome: we will exhaust ourselves and alienate each other, snapping the connections we yearn for. Too many relationships have been diminished or destroyed by a drive toward “community-building” which evokes a grasping that is the opposite of what we need to do: relax into our created condition and receive the gift we have been given.

II. Of course, in our culture—a culture premised on the notion that we must manufacture whatever we want or need—learning to relax and receive a gift requires hard work! But the work of becoming receptive is quite unlike the external work of building communal structures, or gathering endlessly to “share” and “solve problems”: receptivity involves inner work. Community begins not externally but in the recesses of the human heart. Long before community can be manifest in outward relationships, it must be present in the individual as “a capacity for connectedness”—a capacity to resist the forces of disconnection with which our culture and our psyches are riddled, forces with names like narcissism, egotism, jealousy, competition, empire-building, nationalism, and related forms of madness in which psychopathology and political pathology become powerfully intertwined.

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RFS BOARD GOALS [Publish Date]

People (Purpose)	Programs	Places (Facilities)	
<p>Write the appeal letter to be mailed by the November- who? Daksha</p> <p>Use the space more fully/ workshops- artists, music. Theater/ Art/cooking/ diverse people using the space.</p> <p>Board development group helping grow the board. Actively nurturing new people- a sign of the health of any organization.</p> <p>Create a campaign finance plan.</p>	<p>Then and Now: History /Foundations/ Restoration/ Protect what you love. Sanctuary for future- Resiliency...</p> <p>Inter-relatedness – Spiritual Center of the Peninsula- what relationship can we have with other spiritual groups. Early Childhood group/ Compass Group- poverty alleviation/ Racial Justice/ The forgotten Americans- Gregory Bush. Can we support and enable those efforts- to help flourish. How to be open to opportunities. A tea to get groups together to share their efforts? Community Breakfast to create connection. Quaterly-</p>	<p>Exterior/ steeple/roof Garden/</p> <p>A clear finance campaign with budget (Bec/ Gary).</p>	Year 1
<p>Write a cookbook. Publish things.</p>		<p>Parking/ Site Plan</p>	Year 2

RFS BOARD GOALS [Publish Date]

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The resilience of the Bagaduce River's Reversing Falls informs the vision of the Reversing Falls Sanctuary: a sacred, welcoming space.

Together we seek to:

- build community
- encourage spiritual exploration
- support the arts
- promote ecological consciousness