

Board Meeting Minutes

Saturday Jan. 19, 2019 3pm



REVERSING FALLS SANCTUARY

Present (clockwise):

Anne Ferrara	awferrara@gmail.com
Karen Adamo	radius@myfairpoint.net
Ralph Chapman	ralphandbec@gmail.com
Gary Vencill, ex officio	garyvencill@gmail.com
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Daksha Baumann	janetlynn821@gmail.com
Kathleen Caldwell	kcaldwell51@gmail.com
Bec Poole	ralphandbec@gmail.com
Lisa Mazzarelli	lisa.mazzarelli@gmail.com

Absent:

Martha Jordan	marthajordan47@gmail.com
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1. Anne Ferrara, facilitator, opens meeting with a reading from the late Mary Oliver (d. Jan 17, 2019) also remembering the late Peter Templeton (d. Jan 18, 2019). Announces recorder: Ralph Chapman
2. Board welcomes new Board member Lisa Mazzarelli
3. Minutes of Nov 24, 2018 (last meeting) approved (previously distributed via email)
4. Treasurer, Karen Adamo, reports:
 - bank account balance of \$18,730.23
 - \$ 7,085 received from recent (late November 2018) appeal
 - Approximately \$ 10,000 will be realized from sale of stock whose value had dropped but was quickly sold when its price recovered
 - additional \$30 expense for a donation to Spirit Foundation (accidentally)
 - Ellacappella has not cashed their \$150 check (Daksha will make inquiry)
 - Maine Community Foundation (MCF) \$2,500 received is an “advised grant” recommended by Joan McCracken & Bob Holmberg
5. Building & Grounds report from Daksha Baumann (previously distributed via email)
 - Steeple: may involve BUMC, neighborhood, town, Conference Building Committee (Sue Brown, chair)
 - Bec Poole will write a report after collecting information
6. Program Team report from Gary Vencill (previously distributed via email)
 - Kathleen Caldwell & Karen Adamo are working on providing on-line donation capability
7. Daksha Baumann for the Gallery Within requests art show opening expense authorization (\$30 each)
 - Board approves
8. Welcome packet for new board members... needs attention [Ralph Chapman will pursue]



9. Treasury policy seems to be that the account needs to keep a minimum balance of \$ 5,000. future electric bills will go directly to Karen Adamo who will pay them from the account, and accept donations for same from Ralph Chapman rather than Ralph paying them directly. This allows awareness of the operational expenses to be recorded. Similar thinking applies to web-site fees.
10. Ralph Chapman will email the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between RFS & BUMC to board members (along with these minutes)
11. Safe Sanctuary policy distributed
building use policy may need to be supplemented to include this policy as part of it
the distributed one page summarizes some components of the full thirty five page policy
Gary Vencill will try to locate the entire document
12. The orphan girl of delphi story from Gary Vencill.
13. Callahan mine project: inspired by communications between Lindsay Newland Bowker and Michael Maynard, RFS may be the entity best positioned to look at the combination of 1) building community around conversations of the Callahan mine, 2) planning for a possible art-installation bringing attention to the mine's place in our community, 3) working on ways to heal the earth, our community, and ourselves as related to the mine. It is noted that the 50th year anniversary of the mine abandonment is just a few years away. Gary Vencill will try to organize a meeting with Michael Maynard and others [currently set for 10am on Tue Jan 29, 2019].
14. The Climate Change Conference is requesting \$250 from RFS: Upon discussion, RFS Board acknowledges that the Climate Change Conference is an RFS activity (along with AWTT) and is authorized to expend RFS funds up to \$250. If further documentation is desired, matter will come back to Board.
"mitigating eco-grief"
15. Next Reversing Falls Sanctuary, Inc. Board Meeting scheduled for Saturday Feb 16, 2019 at 3:00 pm
Ralph Chapman will be the facilitator
Kathleen Caldwell will be the recorder

Respectfully submitted on January 22, 2019 by Ralph Chapman