

Wabash Valley Audubon Society board meeting
Grand Traverse Pie Company

January 3, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. No introductions were needed. Members present were Phil Cox, Joe Dickson, Carissa Lovett, Lucinda Berry, Phil Milliren, Helen Vermillion, and Ellen Lunsford.

The minutes were approved as corrected. Joe made a motion, and Carissa seconded.

Brenda shared the Membership Chair Report via e-mail as she recovers from surgery. As of 1/3/13 there are 295 members. Five members are new, and twelve were removed due to inactive membership. New member letters will be sent. One NNN was returned and the address will be corrected.

Phil M. gave the Treasurer's report. We have \$4263.95 in the checking account, \$456.41 in the Memorial Fund, \$5,000.00 in CDs, and \$60.00 in cash. Indiana Department of Revenue NP 20 form is due and was given to Phil M.

Conservation Report was given by Phil C. Conservation Day at the Statehouse is Wednesday, January 23rd. Phil C. is registered to attend.

Education Report was given by Carissa. Phil shared information Lesley University sent WVAS information about the Master's program in Ecological Teaching and Learning. Dobbs invasives removal dates are a work day on January 26th, an education/work day on February 23rd, and a work day on March 23rd. She stated that the progress of removing the invasive plants can be seen and seems to be making a difference.

Lucinda shared information from the Year of the River Committee. There is press conference on January 9th at 10:30 at the Girl Scout Building at Fairbanks Park. Half-tables are available for organizations to display. Lucinda agreed to take materials to place at the table. The website is up and there was a calendar in the newspaper.

Marty was not present at the meeting, but had no updates on the adopted planter. Carissa looked at the planter in December and said it was looking good at that time. Marty left brochures at Graham Grain and the visitor's center. Phil C. put brochures at the Clinton, Rockville, and Montezuma libraries. He is still looking for material for the February/March issue.

Phil shared the new brochures he ordered from Audubon. Lucinda took the brochures to put out at the Year of the River press conference. The group discussed putting information in the brochures that promote the local chapter (which are brochures we pay for - not free from the national organization).

Recently completed events were the December member meeting, which was Photo Night, on December 19th. Miracle on 7th Street was December 7th, and there were various sites/dates for the Christmas Bird Count. Upcoming meeting dates are January 16th, February 20th, March 20th, and the banquet on April 17th. Bird ID at Dobbs is on January 19th, February 16th, March 16th, and April 13th. The Backyard Bird Count is February 15th-18th.

Marty has 20 photos displayed downtown at Roly Poly. The possibility of having a photo contest and/or putting together a calendar, like the Friends of Goose Pond calendar, was discussed.

Menards sent a reply to the WVAS letter regarding selling invasive species plants. The content of the letter was shared. Joe fixed the bluebird box at Dobbs. Carissa brought up that WVAS is not on the Wabash Valley Community Foundation Holiday Wish List, which could help raise some funds.

Helen motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Joe seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m. Next board meeting is Thursday, February 7th at Grand Traverse Pie Company.