

**Friends of Camp Christopher
General Membership Meeting
April 8 2017**

Attendance: Jerry Antonucci, Sally Antonucci , Janet Corey, Tess Flannery, Tom Gannon, Tim Lilley, Patti Longville, Bill Marras, Kathy Prochnow, Phyllis Richardson, Jim Sovacool, Barb Hertrick, Jeanne McGuire, Holly Bollin, Libby Thomas

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by President of Friends of Camp Christopher (FoCC) Jim Sovacool. Round table introductions were completed

Review of Minutes January 2017 minutes were presented and approved.

Treasurer Report: Larry submitted the following reports:

- Monthly Treasurer Report for March 2017: Balance = \$22,246.31
- 2017 First Quarter Treasurer Report: Balance = \$22,246.31

\$640 was received as memorials for Pat Kennedy, bringing the total of that memorial to \$1,651.

Committee Reports

Sunshine: Karen is stepping down as chairman and is replaced by Phyllis. Phyllis asked members to notify her when they become aware of an event requiring a card.

Ways and Means:

- **Car Show:** Chaz reported that planning is proceeding for the 2nd annual car show. Toth Buick is donating a car detailing package. Tess, Jeanne, Camp, and Sally promised baskets.
- **Reverse Raffle:** Patti reported that Thursday, September 21st is the date for the event, and it will again be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Glenmount Blvd. New this year for the event is a Silent Auction under the direction of Sally Antonucci. The committee is being organized to plan the event. **Adopt a Brick Project:** Patti reported that 188 bricks were sold. FoCC made the following expenditures for the project: \$6,343.00 to Midwest Engraving for engraving and \$7,095.00 to Landscape Transformations as down payment for the paving work. The balance of \$5,270.00 will be due at completion of the work. The brick project netted \$127.72 for FoCC. The paver offered to pave at no additional cost any additional bricks we sell through September 1st. A dedication ceremony for the flagpole will be held sometime during the weekend of May 20-21.
- **Merchandising:** Discussed possible items including caps, totes, water bottles, T-shirts. Janet distributed a short survey for attendees to note the types of items they might purchase.

Historian/Webmaster: Tim reported that this is the 5th anniversary of the *I Wanna Linger* Facebook page, which has 822 likes, and the 4th anniversary of the *Friends of Camp Christopher* Facebook page, which has 398 likes. This is also the 1st anniversary of our website, www.friendsofcampchristopher.org, which allows us to post essential information for members and potential members and to accept online donations via PayPal. Many thanks to Mike Taylor for setting up and hosting our website!

Volunteer Incentive: Phyllis reminded members to continue to send their volunteer hours to Irene Lawrence by email at llaw52@yahoo.com.

Bylaws: Tom reported that the approved draft of the amended by-laws are posted on the FoCC website. There was some discussion by members about the timing of implementing the changes and elimination of the President-Elect Position. Patti raised a point of information that the President nominated committee chairpersons with board consent. Pattie moved that the proposed changes be put before the membership for approval at the next general membership meeting in July. Tim seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Staff Support: Libby reported that refreshments will be provided three or four times throughout the camping season to resident camp, day camp, and Sum Fun staff.

Nominating: Patti recommended that the ballots include space for write-ins and remove the words "Accept" and "Reject". Two At-Large Board positions will be added to the ballot.

Facilities: Bill reported that new picnic tables are to be purchased and a group of FoCC volunteers will help to assemble them. The Camp will be building three new storage buildings to be placed at the Beach, and the Courts which will replace the current buildings and a new one for Day Camp. A new Maintenance building will go up on the Fitzpatrick property. The pole building will be renovated.

Unfinished Business: Patti moved that FoCC donate \$2,500 to CCCS for the renovation of Cabin John Bosco. The renovation is similar to that FoCC contributed to for Cabin James Gibbons in 2016. . The Board also approved a donation to CC Derby for Dollars in the amount of \$175.00 Both contributions were passed unanimously.

New Business: Holly Bollin of CCCS gave an informal presentation on projects that the EE program is pursuing in order to foster the growth of camp EE programs. These include seeking grants for wet meadow restoration, planting a pollinator garden with tactile aspect, and constructing chimney sweep towers. Holly suggested that FoCC consider funding the chimney sweep towers. Patti moved that FoCC donate \$2,500 for the construction of chimney sweep towers, and Tom seconded the motion. Discussion followed that the \$2,500 in the budget for camp improvements had already been earmarked for renovation of Cabin John Bosco. Patti moved to amend the motion to donate \$1,000 for construction of chimney sweep towers, and Tom seconded the motion. The motion did not pass, as the vote was Aye: 7 No: 7. Some members want more research from CCCS before agreeing to donate. Larry moved that the general membership give the FoCC board the authority to make a decision on the chimney sweep tower contribution, and Jerry seconded the motion. Patti noted that such action is already accrued to the board in the by-laws. There was no vote on the motion.

Announcements: None

Next general membership meeting: Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 10:00am St. Francis Hall.