

**Friends of Camp Christopher  
General Membership Meeting  
May 5, 2018**

**Attendance:** Lizzy Flannery, Tess Flannery, Lawrence Furman, Tom Gannon, Irene Lawrence, Barb Marras, Bill Marras, Kathy Prochnow, Jonathan Reiman, Jim Sovacool, Margie Sovacool, Lou Trenta, Micki Trenta, Diane Wendelken

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by President of Friends of Camp Christopher (FoCC) Jim Sovacool. Larry led an opening prayer.

**Review of Minutes:** January minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurer Report:** Larry submitted the following reports:

- A CD account will be opened at Huntington Bank as the investment vehicle for the Restricted Funds to generate interest for Camperships. A total of \$10,534 will be invested with a 2.9% rate of return for 19 months.
- First quarter 2018 revenues were \$7717.25 and Expenses were \$15,995.20 leaving a balance of \$19,287.45.
- April 2018 Revenues were \$25.00 and Expenses were \$1,453.25 resulting in a month end balance of \$17,909.20.
- Restricted endowment of memorial gifts totals \$10,543.00.

**Committee Reports**

**Volunteer Program:** No report

**Sunshine:** Kathy reported cards continue to be sent for sympathy, get well, Birthday. Kathy will be out of town.

**Ways and Means:**

- **Car Show:** On hold for this year
- **Reverse Raffle:** We reserved the Knights of Columbus Hall in south Akron for our Thursday, Sept. 20, Dinner/Reverse Raffle. The Hall rental is \$375.00. We reserved Santangelo's as our caterer for the evening. We will pay about \$15.50 per dinner. This cost excludes any cost for appetizers if the committee decides to purchase them from the caterer. We plan to have fliers and tickets printed by the end of next month with fliers being mailed by the beginning of July. Our Main Board will include 100 tickets. Main Board tickets will sell for \$50.00 each and provide the ticket holder with one number from the Main Board and one dinner for the evening. Dinner only tickets will sell for \$25.00 each. The Dinner/Reverse Raffle Committee will meet in the summer to finalize details for the event night. Date of the committee meeting has not yet been set.
- **Adopt a Brick:** Sometime in the middle of May, our paver, Brandon Davis, will lay the one brick that needed to be re-engraved from last November; he'll clean all the bricks laid at the flagpole; and he'll seal all the bricks at the flagpole area. He'll let me know 24 hours before he does this work, so we can let Dave Ziga know he'll be at camp. The cost of this work will be \$500.00 plus the cost of materials.
- **Merchandising:** Discussion on the importance of FoCC supplies not to be similar to the PX supplies.
- **Historian/Webmaster:** This is the 6<sup>th</sup> year for the I Wanna Linger and the FoCC page. The Website is in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year.

**Bylaws:** No report

**Staff Support:** Libby submitted the following report via e-mail: I have communicated with Tom McGraw and Tess Flannery about our continued interest and effort to provide staff support this summer. They have approved again of us bringing refreshments and other supplies to the staff this summer. I plan on doing standard refreshments this year, similar to what has been done in the past (i.e. bagels, Gatorade, ice cream, etc.). To the whole group: since I have been the staff support point person I have not been taking refreshments to the sum fun program. This year I would like to include them in what we offer, if the

board approves. Additionally, after speaking with Tom he mentioned that they would be willing to have someone from FoCC speak to the staff again during training this year to talk about membership, and also what the organization's role can be as a resource to the staff during their time at Camp this summer (ideas, advice, etc.). I would be willing to do this during their training week if that's something we want to pursue again. Have a great spring and looking forward to the summer!

**Nominating:** No report

**Membership:** Michelle sent the following report via e-mail: Membership committee has been busy getting ready for the summer camping season. The clips are completed and ready for pick up. The post cards are in progress and will be ready for the start of the season. We are in need of volunteers to go out and man the table during camp registration on Sundays. The time commitment is approximately 12-4pm. Dates available are 6/17, 7/8, 7/15, 7/22. Please let Michelle know if you are able to commit to any dates. Ideally there should be 2 people for each date. Thanks to those who have already volunteered.

**Facilities:** No report.

**Unfinished Business:** It was determined that the Consent Agenda format would not be implemented at this time. Discussion took place on finding a meeting style that will attract more members. The Bath Township Bicentennial booklet had a nice advertisement and picture of Camp Christopher main gate.

**Action:** Jonathan will plan an activity for the July meeting.

**New Business:** N/A

**Announcements:** Tess reported on the following:

- Dave Ziga is out sick; please keep him in your prayers. Projects that are planned are
- Take out old flagpole.
- Paint the sides of the Day Camp pavilion.
- Maintenance shed garage door. The new Maintenance Garage is still in process.
- Isaac Jogues roof repair.
- Cabin James Gibbons has been updated.
- Cabin Renee Goupil and Isaac Jogues were updated with new beds and redesign of layout.
- We are looking into a project partnership with AmeriCorps and the National Park Service for tree clean up.
- Staffing update: Larry Furman hired full time and is a good asset. Summer staffing looking good with lots of male staff.
- Enrollment is good with some weeks already sold out
- Campership monies went to students from St. Mary in Akron, St. Rocco in Cleveland and St. Anthony for Day Camp.
- Capital Improvement to the Black Willow Lake spillway has been approved.
- The Horse contract was not renewed and we will need to look into buying horses for this summer.
- A bee-keeper will contact Tess to discuss the possibility of an apiary at camp.
- The water system is ready for connection; the well is done waiting on EPA for water testing.
- Volunteer Overnight scheduled for 5/25 – 5/26 Register with Catholic Charities as a volunteer.

**Next general membership meeting:** Saturday, July 28 at 11:00am