

**Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail (CFET)11-7--22 Draft
Monthly Meeting Minutes November 7, 2022**

Call to Order

The regular November meeting of the Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail was called to order at 6:00 pm on November 7, 2022 by Ron Rich, Chair, in the Community Room at Kinderhook Memorial Library.

Present

Ron Rich, Lee Jamison,, David Kolb, Deb Shakotko, Jessie Anderson

Not Present: Bill Schneider, Jake Samascott, Robin Benziger

Public: Jim DiGioa, Michael Susi, Nolan Robinson

Review October 3, 2022 Monthly Meeting Minutes

No corrections (thank you Jessie Anderson for taking minutes as Lee was on vacation)

Ron moved and Deb seconded to approve: Passed

Treasurer and Budget Status Reports

Reports presented by Deb thru October 31, 2022.

Opening Balance \$9,715.62

Revenue \$ 12,447.55

Expense \$2,021.68

Closing Balance \$20,141.49 Equipment Reserve Acc't: \$3,500.00 Insurance Reserve:\$3,250.00

Income includes Octoberfest gross \$12,447.55. Expenses expected from TriVillage Rotary soon, to be paid.

Membership Report

Ron reports new members: 2 families

85 families

54 individuals

18 sponsors

3 donors Total: 160

Training and Maintenance Committee Report

Ron reported for Jake. Mowing finished for the year.

A property owner well off the trail in Stuyvesant Falls area, reported three instances of vandalism to a trailer used for camping. No police report was made. Trail cam suggested.

There has been a trail user counter at North Chatham and Rothermel Park for the past year. We await data.

Ron will meet with Andy Beers at the Stottville Storage Shed to replace damaged signage.

Events

Thanks to all for another great Oktoberfest 10-22-22. 330 tickets sold and 5 complimentary.

Grant Updates

Ron reports that the park benches are being stored until Spring. They will be assembled and installed.

Mario's has offered to loan augers to dig post holes for the sonotubes. Andrew Sharoun and Mark Knudsen have volunteered to help with the project.

We have one year to complete the work, closing out the Bench Grant in September. He felt we could not reapply to Parks and Trails until this project is finished. Hudson River Bank Foundation might be a resource for smaller projects such as signage, maps, brochures, as they have a rolling application model.

Committees

Ron continued discussion from last month about reconfiguring Committees.

He mentioned that Robin will be stepping down as her term has ended.

Nolan Robinson and Michael Susi offered to assist Ron with membership and maintenance volunteer tracking.

Approved by acclamation.

Swag

Ron requests to order 60 more tee shirts from JCB Specialties not to exceed \$750. Lee moved, Deb seconded, approved.

Public Comments: Ron shared an inquiry from Jenny Birkmeyer advocating for supportive access for people with handicaps, particularly residents at grouphomes on State Farm Road. Currently people may use electric golfcarts with a handicap flag.

Ron proposed getting permission from Greenway to use the CFET gas UTV to provide outings for these folks.

Lee moved and Deb seconded, approved.

Jim DiGioia shared positive feedback from neighbors about Oktoberfest.

Adjournment: Deb moved, Jessie seconded; Meeting adjourned 7:21 pm

Next Meeting

We will meet Monday December 12, 2022 at 6pm at KML. Entrance on Sylvester Street. **Masks optional.**

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Jamison