



MINUTES — August 28, 2023

Grand Prairie Friends Board Meeting

Monday, August 28, 2023

United Way Office, 5 Dunlap Ct., Savoy, IL

Submitted by: Valerie Sivicek

Attendees: Dave Easter, Tom White, Valerie Sivicek, Fred Delcomyn, Pam Leiter, North Joffe-Nelson, Craig Milling, Mark Shelden, Ed Wilhite, Collin Carlier

Staff: Sarah Livesay (Executive Director), Jeff Peyton (Natural Areas Manager)

Guests: Beverly Foote, Karen Andsager, Neal Kuester, Alice Berkson

Quorum? Yes

Call to Order: 5:35 pm

CONSENT AGENDA

The reports of the President; Staff; GPF Properties Research Coordinator; Accreditation Committee; Bylaws Committee; Greenhouse Committee; Conservation Cemetery Committee; Professional Development Committee; Nomination Committee; Volunteer Committee; Stewardship Committee; Land Acquisition Committee; Blazing Star Society Committee; Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity Committee; and Finance Committee, as well as the minutes of the last board meeting (07/29/23), were submitted separately as a consent agenda item. Fred moved to accept the reports as amended to include more detail on a public comment by Beverly Foote. Mark seconded. MOTION APPROVED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

BOARD/STAFF COMMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Dave requests current board members up for re-election and officers to state intention to continue or not in current positions during September, ahead of October election.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Neal Kuester presented 2022 GPF Audit, as submitted by Feller & Kuester, CPAs, LLP, for Board discussion. Neal exited the room after presentation.

Bridgette Moen presented Conservation Cemetery Committee scenarios for possible cemetery location and feasibility to the Board for discussion. Bridgette exited the room after presentation.

NEW BUSINESS

Collin moved to approve the July 2023 Financial Statements as presented. Mark seconded. MOTION APPROVED.

Ed moved to accept GPF 2022 Audit, as presented by Feller & Kuester, CPAs, LLP. Pam

seconded. MOTION APPROVED.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Audit and Cemetery Committee discussions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS/MEETINGS

(Dates with no description are Board meetings.)

September 17 – BSS Garden Party, 4 pm @Easters' home in Homer

September 23 – 3 pm Fall Fete @Warbler Ridge

September 25

October 7 – 3 pm Fall Membership meeting @Champaign Library

October 23

November 5 Rattlesnake Master Run for the Prairie @Meadowbrook Park

November 27

December 18

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.