

QUARTERLY MEETING
AFFEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES, 1/18/05

CALL TO ORDER

Julia called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm.

CURRENT BUSINESS

- 1) Approve Agenda: Jeff moved to approve the agenda, Dave seconded, the Board approved.
- 2) Approve Minutes from 11/4/04: Approved previously by consensus via e-mail.
- 3) Persons seeking information or presenting matters to be considered: None

NEW BUSINESS

1) Correspondence:

a) AFFEW received a letter from a woman asking if our group would be interested in circulating a petition calling for a ban on hunting mourning doves. Dave will pass the information along to his wife Chrissie who has shown an interest in this subject.

b) Joe Maloney is asking if any AFFEW members would like to help disburse wood chips along the non-paved foot paths out at Cartier Park. Rebecca will help, and Julia will call Joe to find out more about the project and then e-mail the board with this further information.

c) Mark Wykoff has contacted Julia re: filling out a local leadership survey. She will e-mail some of the eco-related questions to the board to get feedback for her answers.

2) Treasurer's Report - AFFEW's current balance is \$3,508.90. Pat e-mailed details about the treasury to the board members earlier this month and it was approved.

3) Committee/Project Reports:

a) Rain Garden at WSCC - Rebecca is currently working on a grant for this project, which she estimates will cost about \$1500. This would be done in the fall of 2005 and should take about 4 days of work, depending on the amount of help she has. Jeff suggested the Unitarian Universalist Church as a grant money source. Rebecca also is seeking donations of native plants, rocks, pebbles, earth-friendly soil, and native plant landscaping services. She invites any ideas for sources of money or help with this project. She will be getting some valuable support from WSCC's "green team." Julia and Laura volunteered to help with this project. The

local garden club has shown some tentative interest in helping. Rebecca asked that AFFEW pledge a donation to the project so she can write it in to her grant as a matching fund contribution. The board approved a pledge of \$500.

b) Earth Day - Julia talked to WSCC's Green Team, and on the 20th that group will discuss if/how they'll help AFFEW. It was agreed that it could be beneficial if AFFEW could do something out at the college on the same day the WSCC Builder's Show. Julia hasn't heard back from the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians whether they'll be involved or not. When she hears back from the Green Team and the Little River Band she'll then set up an Earth Day organizational meeting at the library and she'll advertise it in the paper. Some teachers from Pentwater and Ludington High Schools might be interested, as well as some WSCC professors. Rebecca will contact the Green Bikers from Traverse City to see if they'd want to help as well.

c) Battery Collection - Twice now the cash box has been stolen, one time the bucket of batteries was stolen too. Instead of a cash box, the board agreed that we'll have envelopes by the bucket for people to take to send in donations. We now take the batteries to Holland for recycling.

d) Adopt-A-Beach monitoring - The Great Wave Zen group will help Julia with this project this summer and eventually take it off Julia's very full plate.

e) Website - Jeff and Julia are working on updates. Rebecca suggested adding links to her projects. On a related note, Julia has a new external modem on her computer as her previous one was zapped by lightning.

f) Membership - Jeff would like to get members outside of the board more involved in AFFEW. He's willing to match members to projects that they might be interested in coordinating. Rebecca will send him her contacts list and things she could use help with, particularly the fall LRVMP (or it may not happen). Larry also suggested a website coordinator/volunteer. Jeff was also invited to use the database which lists members' stated areas of interests.

g) Lake Michigan Federation Grant - Rebecca has received a grant from LMF, part of which is to help with LRVMP and the Rain Garden.

h) LMF Summit - Rebecca attended this conference Nov. 21-22 in Wisconsin. She submitted information from it for AFFEW's archives. Pat attended the summit last year, and got lots of information on grants while there, and will pass this information on to Rebecca.

i) Hazardous Waste Collection - Last year the project collected 11 tons. We haven't heard yet how much was collected this year.

j) Newsletter - The board spent some time bombarding Dave with ideas and corrections to the edition he's currently working on.

k) Recycling - AFFEW still has ink cartridge recycling boxes at Jackpine, and when we send them in we get money for them. CompRenew recycles electronics,

computers, and accessories (616-866-3100), and Xerox in Big Rapids takes copiers and printers (800-422-1980).

4) Next meeting date and time - April 5th at 7 p.m. Dave will bring yummy refreshments.

OLD BUSINESS - None

ADJOURN - the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.