

## **South Mountain Audubon Society Board Meeting Minutes Nov. 12, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 4:01pm with Linette Mansberger, Deb Siefken, Mike Bertram, Nancy Locher, Betsy Griffiths, Jon Griffiths and Carol Deardorff attending.

**President's Report** - The 2020 officers will remain the same except for Carol Deardorff joining as a Member-At-Large and possibly Mike O'Brien resigning.

A copy of our annual fundraiser was presented by Linette and everyone agreed to keep it the same for this year. She will send it out to the membership soon.

The grant application was completed and Linette asked for \$800.

The Chapter Speakers Bureau was created by Audubon PA. Only one chapter has submitted entries so far. Linette will submit herself, possibly Bonnie Portzline and Marci Mowery. If there are any other ideas, tell Linette.

Linette has done programs for Shalom Christian Academy in Chambersburg for the last 4 years. They make a great effort to educate the children on birds so she would like for us to consider making a contribution to their library.

**Vice President's Report** - Deb attended the Audubon PA meeting on Oct. 19 at Wildwood Park in Harrisburg. Greg Goldman, the Executive Director, was there and updated us on state initiatives in the Delaware River Watershed and Healthy Forests Initiative. The remainder of the meeting was about the new report on birds and climate change.

Patti Myers gave Deb 53 South Mountain Audubon mugs that Barry had bought when he was president back in the 90's. We will give them to speakers, sell them, and put native plants in them to sell.

Linette will send a thank you note to the Myers' for the mugs and for helping with litter pick-up all these years.

**Secretary's Report** - The minutes from the Sept. 9, 2019 board meeting were approved as printed.

**Treasurer's Report** - Mike Bertram

We received a check from a Dr. Grover in honor of Bart Hogan. Linette will send a thank you note.

The treasurer's report was approved as printed.

Mike has done much research on our liability insurance. It was decided to eliminate kayaking trips from our field trips because they are too expensive to insure. Our regular liability insurance costs \$393 this year. Mike is doing further research.

Mike suggested that we have a waiver to sign for our field trips. He sent everyone a copy. A motion was made to use this waiver. Betsy moved to accept the motion and Deb seconded it and the motion was passed.

**Committee Reports** -

Programs - The speaker for Nov. 21 cancelled due to a death in the family but Sandy Lockerman has agreed to speak about her hummingbird banding projects. Meetings are booked through May. For the January film, "Saving the Philippine Eagle," we will have a donation cup and send the proceeds to Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

For the annual luncheon at Hickory Bridge on April 4, we agreed on roast beef & oven fried chicken at a cost of \$20/person. Deb will also request the upper room.

It was thought that 2020 was our 40th anniversary year but Nancy Locher set us all straight - the chapter was officially founded in 1981 so 2021 will be our 40th anniversary year.

Mike Bertram has taken over the Christmas Bird Count from Mike O'Brien. Mike does not have a lot of time to work on this so we will keep everything the same as last year with some refinement. Mike has produced a map which shows everyone's area to bird. The date is Dec. 14 and we will have the tally rally at a restaurant instead of potluck at someone's house. Mike will keep track of the weather and reschedule if necessary knowing that the York Springs CBC is on Dec. 30.

Membership - Linette will now take over as Membership Chair from Mike O'Brien. Twelve local memberships have been received so far this fiscal year.

Field Trips - Linette has developed a year's worth of field trips. With some refinement, she will send this out to the membership in early December.

Education - Betsy Griffiths reported that Audubon Adventures have been paid for two teachers teaching 4 classes total - one at Lincoln Elementary and three at Franklin Township. Betsy contacted Franklin Township about a Hershey Zoo America program. She is waiting for their response concerning topic and dates. Jon is working on getting information about schools and their libraries so we can donate funds for books.

Hospitality - Cindy and John Spinelli - November; Linette - January

**Old Business** - none

**New Business** - A motion was set forward to donate \$200 for library books for the Shalom Christian Academy with our approval of the books. Mike moved to accept the motion and Betsy seconded it and the motion passed. Linette will contact the school.

Before the board meeting began, Nancy was speaking about the use of Styrofoam cups in the hospital and at the Office of the Aging. Deb brought this up as new business. Maybe we should think about approaching especially the hospital about using recyclable cups. She will look into this and contact Carole Simon, the Conservation Chair.

The next board meeting will be held on March 9, 2020 at 4pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:21pm!