

Horicon Phoenix Program

October 2012 Monthly Meeting Minutes

Sunday, September 30th 2012

- The meeting was called to order at 5:03pm by President Dan Buchner. Members present were: Melissa Keenan, Tammy Baltzley, Kathy Knop, Denise Pomonis, Jen Rettmann, Liz (Tanglewood Hill Farm), Julie Schoenknecht, Mark Baltzley, Leslie (new member), and Shannon Barniskis.
- August and September Minutes were not available for approval.
- Public appearances (prior to meeting)
 - Sadie O'Dell, USFWS, requested assistance from the Phoenix program with advertising and supporting a discussion group on land ethic awareness. She is looking at having a discussion on a monthly basis on various essays focused on Aldo Leopold's Land Ethic. A possible meeting location could be the library. We will look at possibly starting discussions in November (trial) and going until April.
- The Treasurer's Report was provided by Denise Pomonis.
- Correspondence and bill paying
 - A 501c3 certificate was provided to the Phoenix program by the IRS.
 - A letter from Discover Dodge for an event in Dodge County.
 - A letter from RJ Sharkey about the history of the ice skating rink.
- Organization Committee Report (Dan Buchner, Chair)
 - No Update
- Promotion Committee Report (Kathy Knop, Chair)
 - No Update
- Market Operations Report (Mark Baltzley, Chair)
 - No Update
- Economic Restructuring Committee Report (Shannon Barniskis, Chair)
 - Fall Job Fair is scheduled for Saturday, October 27th from 10-2 at Horicon City Hall.
 - Two classes will be offered on job search strategies and small business start ups
 - Reps from the Small Business Association as well as Horicon Bank will help answer questions on how to start and fund small businesses.
 - John Deere and Horicon Bank will be taking applications and interviewing people onsite.
- Discuss and act on Grant requests

- Marsh Automotive is requesting funds to beautify the front of the business on Hwy 33.
 - A motion was made by Melissa to approve the grant request and was seconded by Kathy Knop. Motion carried 5-1.
- Non-Action Discussion
 - Job Fair – discussed under Economic Restructuring Committee Report.
 - Horicon Marsh IEC winter Volunteer Schedule – the friends group is looking for volunteers for some weekend days in January. Denise will provide more details.
 - Grants available through various foundations – now that we have our 501c3 status, we should start looking into applying for grants through different foundations (Alliant Energy Foundation is one we should look at applying to).
 - Food sale at the Union Hall – Tammy, Mark, Jen, and Bob will take care of this event.
- 2013 Budget Discussion and action
 - The 2013 proposed budget was present to the board and the members present. All items were discussed and some were adjusted or removed. The final budget will be presented and approved at the November meeting.
- Set next meeting date for Sunday, November 4th at 6pm.
- Jen motioned to adjourn the meeting and Denise 2nd. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9.05pm.