



Minutes of June 21, 2014 annual meeting Ferry beach Park Association

1:10 pm Call to order by moderator, Anne Barone

Music and slide presentation focused on gratitude for the many wonders and joys at Ferry beach

Performance of 'Put a Little Love In Your Heart' by Alex Hinton, Myra Ward and D'vorah Kelley

Opening words by Paul Provencher, board president:

Acknowledgement of past board members who were asked to stand and be recognized

Introduction of the Moderator, Anne

Introduction of parliamentarian, Daniel Fitzpatrick

Report from Credential Committee, Marty Burgess, Secretary/Clerk

Statement that we had enough members in attendance for the required quorum

89 voting members present

Motion to accept that there was a quorum by Marty Burgess

Approve by voice vote with none opposed

Standing Rules Committee, Cyd Melcher

Read the proposed standing rules for the annual meeting

Motion to accept the Standing Rules by Cyd Melcher

Approved by voice vote with none opposed

Presentation of the Agenda by Paul Provencher

Reading of the agenda

Motion to accept the agenda by Paul Provencher

Approved by voice vote with none opposed

Lighting of the Chalice by Moderator Anne

This was done as a visualization

Necrology by Paul Provencher

Reading of the names of those who passed during the year

Marsha Payson and Sheila Brenwry were added from the floor.

Approval of the 2013 annual meeting minutes

Board member Steven Fogg was returned to the nominees list and elected officers list

Motion to accept by Marty Burgess, Secretary/Clerk

Approved as amended by voice vote with none opposed

President's report by Paul Provencher

Using a rowboat metaphor highlight the accomplishments of the past year

Signing 3 year contract with food Pangea Food Service

Lease signing with Environmental Education Inc.

2013 summer numbers were higher than expected

The refurbished cabins and Metz village have been a wonderful success

New conferences have been added

New groups have been using FBPA as a retreat site

Ongoing work with Social Justice Organizations

And two substantial donations for the rebuilding of Quillen Porch

Shifting from looking back as in a rowboat to looking forward in a kayak

Highlights for the coming year

Acknowledgment of the movement and momentum towards positive stabilization of FBPA

Continue to develop leadership focused on policy governance

Utilize the transformative power that we have for positive outcomes

Board accountability – including but not limited to

The vision of FBPA

The mission of FBPA

The values of FBPA

The practice of the Seven Principles

Legal and Ethical standards

Role definitions- including policy development, strategizing for the future and monitoring the state of FBPA

Committee membership and utilization

Well defined purposes

To propose, advise and consult with board and staff for project development.

Maintaining mission focus with membership engagement, asking for volunteers to step into the leadership roles of engagement.

Close with expression of gratitude for the membership

End

Treasures Report, Carolyn Hodges

Presented brief history of the financial state of FBPA along with expression of gratitude for the financial support given by the membership.

Status of our current debt

Focus on the line of credit (LOC) utilization

Description of the payment schedule for LOC and the expected payoff date

Reported that registrations are up compared to this time in past years

Discussed the culture of abundance with stewardship of the beach

Discussed maintenance costs, general administrative costs and unbudgeted expenses we are facing

Reported on the increase use of FBPA by members and other organizations

Reported on the board's focus on increasing the use of FBPA site throughout the year

Potential and upcoming property maintenance costs

Summarize debt service.

Questions from the floor:

Explain the current policy and impact of the 'compliments' to volunteer staff

The impact of the policy described

Question about the cost of Holly Near

@\$6000 for both hired performers

Question about the endowment

At this time approximately \$250,000 in endowment, no additional funding has gone to the endowment this past year and FBPA uses 5% of the endowment as allowed in the bylaws. Numbers for the interest earned on the account were not available. It was noted that currently markets are up at this time.

end

Moderator affirms the progress that has been made towards the financial stability of FBPA

Executive Director Report: Cathy Stackpole

Open with thank you to the members to the staff and to the board for participation in FBPA

Overview of 'Gratitude and Grace' theme for this summer

Report on the increase in the number of visitors this year

Affirming the ability to work together in the FBPA community

Focus on the Mission of FBPA

Stewardship of the property and community

Building upon old communities and beginning new ones in the local area

The ongoing development and building of respect for FBPA

#### Stewardship

Asking how each of us can contribute

What is the best use of resources -

How can we serve the community?

What is our obligation to do good for our neighbors and the world

Facing the challenges of commitment

#### Identifying our culture

Do we chose avoidance? Accommodation? How can we be the light?

Do we take the side of welcoming? Inclusiveness? Love?

With LGBTQ we come down on the side of love in the community

#### Making choices

In support of the legacy of love

Maintaining the light

Sustaining the vision of FBPA

Acknowledgement that vision is not enough we need to take action

And celebrate each large and small commitment

#### How do we commit to FBPA?

What stops us or stands in our way?

Is it grief? We don't want to feel the pain of loss, the way the past was, the people we were connected to.

Changes that are difficult

Lost staff

The old dining hall

'Compliments' we used to enjoy

Family, friends' and children that have moved on.

The changes are painful, we acknowledge the loss and prepare to move forward

Describe the use of the Seven Principles as a source of energy and guidance

We can try to stop the future or we can stand in love and move forward

You can ask 'how can I help?' Knowing that we are here together

Brief of Overview of Camp Ellis protection plan

Gratitude expressed for

The heart of FBPA

The flags that show our identity

The rainbow flags that show our alliances

And the dining hall which the community built

Asked how can we use the resources to do our best? Brief description of previous work, focused on working together with limited resources.

Description of being an 'awake' people, to make a better place for all, a place to recharge, and to look for a meaningful life.

Request that members ask how can I contribute to help FBPA to grow to do better and to use resources wiser and more effectively

Discussion about the partnership with Standing on the Side of Love – they are using our site as a base for some of their outreach and support system

Other areas of connection and growth with the UUA, multicultural groups, spiritual environmentalist, other religious organizations, programs such as Boys to Men, and group addressing gun violence.

Propose that we maintain the vision and take action to have an active campus 365 days a year 52 weeks of programming and to expand the 11 weeks we now use. What else can we do to achieve this goal?

Suggest we practice gratitude on a daily basis (with plug for the gratitude book on sale in the store) along with the challenge of defining ones responsibility to make the world a better place. Encourage membership to take on projects both small and large as stewards of the beach

Finished remarks with encouragement for members to add their voice to Ferry Beach.

End

Nomination Committee Report: Brad Cohen, chairperson

Express gratitude for the service of the Nomination Committee members

Gary Adams, Rick DeWolfe, Cyd Melcher and Rev. Wendy von Zirpolo

The Nomination Committee presented two candidates for board positions. Lydia Gibb for a second term and David Beseda for a first term.

The Nomination Committee Chair presented the candidates for election, the moderator called for a vote

Approved by voice vote with none opposed

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Installation of Board on stage with Nomination Committee with pledge describing the duties and responsibilities of being a board member.

Recognition of Volunteers: Cathy Stackpole, ED

For the remarkable giving of time and resources to FBPA as volunteers, plaques were presented to:

Charlie Boothby

Jannet and Matt

Brad Cohen (Wanda)

Duplicate plaques will be on display on campus

Executive members given framed illustration of 'Who is driving the bus?'

New Business

Gratitude express by member, Nancy Knight for Pam Lassek and her work on the plaques, slide show and illustrations.

Gratitude express by member Joy McNaughton to Cathy Stackpole for the promotion of love and the UU principles.

Closing words by Rev. Sue Gabrielson focus on openness, grace and gratitude.

2:40 PM Adjourn by Moderator