

Hooper Board Meeting

September 6, 2023

Hooper Institute

Steve Dalessio, Joni Cormier, Becki Sethi, Peggy Pschirrer, Seth Andrews, Helen, Amy Owens, Will Grossman, Sue Nadeau & Emma Kobeski

Joni called to order 5:34pm

Formal introductions were made. We welcomed our new Educator Marissa Madej

Emma reviews meeting minutes from July 18th- Amy motions to accept meeting minutes with changes, Sue seconds

Amy reviews the treasurers

Local account- \$108.16 CSA expenses, \$1.84 interest and \$110 from camps and Camps

Total-\$76, 951.11- checking account balance

\$72,815.25 income balance from the trust

No account open at Edward Jones opening the account has proved to be more difficult due to Edward Jones policies-board discussed opening the Certificate of Deposit at Walpole Savings Bank for 6 months- Will motions to open the account at Walpole Savings Bank- all approved

Helen reviews Directors report

- Teaching 5th grade until December
- Hired new Educator Marissa Madej
- Review of Fall Festival September 30th- Raptor Presentation
 - o Crafts, activities
- Helen will attend the SAU 60 Fall Festival on October 14th

Board Discussion for Scholarship committee- making the scholarship committee as a subcommittee- there is a new committee membership formed and the Hooper Board would like more communication – Will is interested become the Liaison with the scholarship committee but would not like to be the chairman- by-laws will be reviewed

Sue would like to propose an email communication with scholarship committee

FOHI- Becky reviewed the update for fundraising from the Dahlia event- Becky would like do it again with some changes and extra help to continue to be successful

- Discuss this further at December meeting

No formal conservation committee

Old Business:

- Still recruiting for Board members
- Fall Festival to be held on 9/30
 - o Two work sessions for prep on Thursdays 5-6:30 September 14th-21st
 - o 50/50 raffle
- Mark and Peggy will complete energy audit- replace heating system, new windows, bathroom update
- Annual Fall Appeal- letter will be sent out this fall
- Strategic Planning session schedule- November- board talked about having a facilitator

New Business:

Bike trail board discussion- starting with one loop – inviting the group to a board meeting to ask questions Will shares thoughts in regards to his background on the bike trail group- whos the leader and whats the plan and what will the trails look like in 10-40 years. Board discussion continued with more questions needing to be answered.

7:30 meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Emma Kobeski
Secretary