**Friends of Monument Preserve**

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**Board and Members Meeting**

**November 13, 2018**

**I.** **Call to Order and Attendance:** The Board meeting of the FOMP began at 7:00 p.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 17750 Knollwood, Monument. Members present were Bill Benson, vice president; Brian Mullin, communications director; and Marianne LaRivee, secretary; as well as Jon Nordby and Hermann Spielkamp, members at large. Judy Benson, Nancy Spielkamp, Dan Cuvala, John Alcorn, Carissa Gallardo, Bruce Wyrwidzke, and Karen Jensen were also in attendance.

**II. Issues:**

**A.** **Replacement Treasurer**: Scott Van Whye resigned as Treasurer in October, so Bill Normile asked Susan Davies from the Trails and Open Spaces Coalition (TOSC) for recommendations. Fortunately, Susan had three individuals who had expressed an interest in volunteering for local trail groups. Bill Normile spoke to all three and invited them to our November meeting. Thus, John Alcorn, Carissa Gallardo, and Karen Jensen introduced themselves and summarized their backgrounds and interests. The board and members were impressed and grateful to have such experienced and enthusiastic individuals interested in our organization. We agreed that FOMP had a place for all three volunteers. When the three candidates left the room, the board and members elected John Alcorn to replace Scott as Treasurer in accordance with para 5.8 of the FOMP Bylaws. Bill Normile had cast his votes in absentia. Bill Benson will ensure that John’s name is added to the bank account in order to carry out his duties as Treasurer.

**B. Replacement Secretary**: Marianne LaRivee has served as Secretary for 12 consecutive years, in violation of para 5.4 of the FOMP Bylaws. She has remained in office due simply to the lack of any other volunteers to replace her. Based on the overwhelming experience of Karen Jensen, and her willingness to serve, the board and members elected Karen to replace Marianne as Secretary, in accordance with para 5.8 of the Bylaws. Marianne will remain as an ex-officio advisor to the FOMP, in accordance with Art VII of the Bylaws.

**C. Volunteer Coordinator:** Board members have discussed the need for a more organized approach to finding volunteers, as well as new ideas for attracting interest in the FOMP. Based on her interest in volunteering in the community and support for the goals and activities of FOMP, the board and members elected Carissa Gallardo as an official director in charge of volunteer support and coordination.

**D. FOMP Shirts:** Based on general interest at the October meeting,Marianne located a source for T-shirts. She presented recommended colors and design to the board and members, who agreed to fund the effort. Shirts will be available for the January meeting.

**E. Vice President Update:** Bill Benson reported that we are considering expanding our area of responsibility beyond the 600 acres around Monument Rock in order to formally work on trails extending into the Pike National Forest. This will require a change to the Bylaws. All members appeared to be in agreement. Bill reminded members that we need to consider and discuss potential Boy Scout projects for the 2019 season.

**F. Map:** Bruce Wyrwidzke asked whether FOMP has considered publishing a map of local trails, particularly those within the Monument Preserve. Bill Benson explained that we are working on an informal map to normalize and formalize trail names for reasons of safety and clarification. We are limited by USFS willing to formally recognize only a few trails within the preserve. Jon Nordby, Bill and Judy Benson, and Art Feullenback have met to address the issue, attempting to select those names which represent the area, history, and builders of the trails.

**III. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.