

Friends of Grayson Highlands State Park
Minutes of Meeting March 19, 2018

Present: Harvey & Moe Thompson, Shirley Sloan-Babb, Rhonda Walls, Andrew Stern, Tommie Kennedy, Evalynn Halsey and Lee Blankenship

Minutes approved

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of March 19, 2018	\$ 8,357.01
Total Credits	\$ 1,238.07
Total Debits	\$ 216.76
Balance October 23, 2017	\$ 7,335.70

Treasurer Report Presented & Approved

Old Business

- Grayson Board of Supervisors unanimously voted in support of the area VAFP resolution presented by President, Rhonda Walls. A notice of 2-3 weeks prior to the BOS meeting is necessary to be added to the agenda.
- FOGH members will investigate alternate sources for lumber to construct the dulcimer instrument display case. Larry Thomson will work on this project.
- Logistics can fabricate the signs for the tools and instruments. A list of items will be required in order to process this request.
- Moe will investigate cost of printing of 2000 Trail Guides from A&B Printing.
- Moe will investigate printing cost of Letterhead stationery & FOGH membership brochures.

Suggestion was made to provide Trunk Games at Camp Host site for check out & return. The following items will be ordered: 2 volleyballs, 1 dodgeball, & 1 soccer ball.

Park Manager Time

A meeting will be held with District 6 Friends groups on April 7th at Hungry Mother. FOGH has a large group planning to attend. Hiring summer seasonal staff is currently underway with background checks taking place. The park hopes to have the water system up & running by May 1st. This past weekend Andrew had two rescues located on the Federal property. There have been over 2100 visitors during the month of March thus far. The District employee kick off will be held on May 2nd at Grayson Highlands State Park.

New Business

Egg Hunt will be held at 11:00 on March 31st in the field behind the Park Office. Andrew has purchased candy and FOGH approved reimbursement. There is still a good supply of items from Oriental Trading planned to be used in order to promote a healthier program event. Interpreter Lee requested assistance in filling the eggs. The location for this event may need to be changed next year due to limited mowing in the designated field. Previously it was held at Massie Gap and moved to the Office field due to snow and road conditions.

FOGH approved \$200-\$250 to provide snacks/drinks for the District 6 Kickoff on May 2nd. FOGH members are invited to attend. Snacks will include trail mix and granola bars and water/juice boxes for drinks. Activities will include presenters from Black Diamond search & rescue, Wilburn Ridge Pony Association, Music by Wayne C Henderson, and Pinnacle & Salamander hikes.

Friends meetings will be listed on the Park Database.

Approval granted for Moe to make update to FOGH Interpreter Computer Microsoft Operating System. It needs to be renewed by April 2, 2018.

John Allison requested FOGH approve purchase of a set of Foxfire Books to remain at the Park for use by staff and interpreters. Cost estimate is \$150 for 12 books.

FOGH approved \$100 donation to the Benevolence Fund in honor of D6 Manager Sharon Ewing's father who recently passed. Moe will take care of the payment process through PayPal.

Earth Day is April 22nd.

Next meeting will be held April 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Park Office.