

**Friends of Grayson Highlands State Park**  
**Minutes of Meeting August 22, 2016**

**Present:** Harvey & Moe Thompson, Rhonda Walls, Shirley Sloan-Babb, Evalynn Halsey, Andrew Stern, Matt Claybrook, Amelia Hulth & Olivia

Minutes approved

<b>Treasurer's Report:</b> Balance as of August 22, 2016	\$4182.78
Total Credits	\$ 570.70
Total Debits	\$ 650.90
Balance July 18, 2016	\$4262.98

Treasurer Report Presented & Approved

Old Business

- Amelia shared the success of the barn dances held June 26<sup>th</sup> and August 6<sup>th</sup>. Plans to try another on October 7<sup>th</sup> "Harvest Dance" with the time of 7-9 p.m. Plans may also include a food truck from Wolfe's BBQ.  
She reported the bear pelt will not be ready until December with a cost of \$175-\$225.  
The telescope was picked up on August 8<sup>th</sup> and there was no charge for the repair. The interpretive staff have sent a thank you. She is now ready to purchase the protective case.  
The JR and Adventure Rangers included a new program *Animal Encounters*.  
Upcoming volunteer opportunities include: Sept 17<sup>th</sup> 11 – 12 Stewardship Fall; Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 9 – 10 Winterizing Herb Garden; and Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 5- 7 p.m. set up for Harvest Barn Dance.
- Recycling bag have been ordered.
- Moe is working on the SCC Board of Directors renewal form.
- The FOGH stickers for membership renewals have been ordered.
- FOGH will be serving the lunch for the Governor and guests. Those members planning to help include: Rhonda Walls, JoAnn Severt, Sue Weaver, Mary & Bob Felicito, Evalyn Halsey & Moe Thompson.  
Menu items include: Tzatziki cucumber dip and vegetables; Hummus and pita chips; Fresh fruit and dip; Chicken Salad; Herbed Watermelon Salad; Summer Crisp Corn Salad; Ham and Swiss Rolls, Blueberry Pizza and assorted desserts, Tea and water.

Park Manager Time

The Governor will visit this Wednesday and arriving by way of helicopter. The park has been experiencing high visitation. Many of the staff are returning to school which is causing difficulty with keeping the park running efficiently. Mallory has also completed her AmeriCorps service and returned home. Merchandise for resale has brought in \$55,000 since July 1<sup>st</sup>. The Virginia Association For Parks (VAFP) will meet the week after the Fall Festival at Bear Creek Lake. FOGH members are welcome to attend, if able.

New Business

- The Fall Festival Brochures may end up not needing to be funded.

Next meeting will be held September 19, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the Wayne C Henderson Stage.