

**Friends of Grayson Highlands State Park
Minutes of Meeting November 17, 2008**

Present: Doug & Donna Niemi, Harvey & Moe Thompson and Daniel White

Minutes of last meeting approved

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of November 17, 2008 \$3284.47

Credits:

Membership \$5.00

Haunted Hayride \$22.00

Evelyn Halsey (Brownie, cookie sales) \$56.50

Total Credits: \$ 83.50

Debits \$00.00

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Wal-Mart Gift Card Balance \$3.06

Treasurer's Report Approved as Presented

Old Business

- Joan Collins emailed and hopes T-shirts will be ready by the December meeting.
- Kevin and Donna will continue work on the plant ID signs for the butterfly garden.
- Park Staff is helping with the food sales for the Lottery Hunt. The youth hunt had 14 participants. Monday Hunt had 30 slots (25 showed) and there were 16 standbys.
- Ken and Phyllis Weber provided plenty of food for the staff appreciation meal. Next time it may need to be held at the shop if the weather will be cold.
- There has been no check received from the Wayne C. Festival committee.

Park Manager's Time

The staff continues re-fencing along Route 58 due to cattle getting out. Sheetrock will be hung at the manager's house tomorrow. Currently, there is predicted to be a 25% budget cut. Ben Bolen, former Director of VA State Parks, passed away 2 weeks ago. Field Team leader for Search and Rescue training and In service Law Enforcement Training are taking place.

New Business

Donna may have a Back Pack to donate. Daniel White has access to an alternate heat source for park housing that could be purchased for \$50. It is brand new, never used, original cost \$250. Motion made and approved to cover this cost. Bob Giesler has offered to set up a web cam for Friends' Web page so visitors can actually see the weather conditions occurring at the Park Office area. The cost will be approximately \$250. Motion made and approved for this.

Next meeting December 15, 2008, 6:30 p.m. at the Park Office.