

Prairie Smoke Meeting Minutes February 16, 2024 7:30 pm via Zoom

Board members present: Susan Powers, Chuck Kernler, Barb Nigon, Ed Pfannkoch, Ryan Kemmerick, Sue Wieseler

Treasurer

Ryan:

Last installment of funds to Chatfield Library paid, completing \$500 in total.

Date for the Annual meeting

March- 1st two Sundays are available at Chatfield Library per Barb Nigon

March 3rd or 10th, or possibly the 17th (St. Patrick's day)

Ryan suggests 10th to give time to promote

Susan agrees, Ed also unless speaker availability is only on the 3rd.

Possible Annual meeting speakers

-Ryan contacted DNR employee he'd seen speak on prescribed burns and also rattlesnakes. Might not be available, can not accept honorarium, will check dates.

-Ed, suggested speaker on water quality in SE MN, Fillmore SWCD. Ed will check availability.

-Chuck suggest Paul W, also about water quality and will check availability

-Decoding the Driftless (we donated to the 2024 release) staff presenting? Note recent death of George Howe, person involved in the video production. If no speaker available we could honor George by playing current video.

Annual meeting Food- Board members to prepare or purchase/cater?

Carly Mae's across from Library in Chatfield- could she cater some? Ed will contact to see pricing. Buy cookies and sandwiches from her. Positive to support our small town businesses.

Plan for about 35 people

Board provide soups, beverages

Barb has paper supplies, bowls, plates

Vote to officially move the Prairie Smoke banking/safe deposit box (since the old bank closed). Ryan, Barb, possibly Ed to sign papers, also need tax form (Barb) and these minutes (Sue)

Foresight Bank in Eyota. Safety deposit box may be free based on moving our account also.

Suggest also placing some in CD after account established to maximize members' investment in each other and the community.

Motion to move funds by Ryan. 2nd by Susan. Board members vote 6 aye, no nay.

Invitation to participate in the Rochester Library Seed Library open house on March 3rd.

1:30-4 Susan will attend, take brochures, t-shirts, coloring sheets, unless our meeting is on the 3rd. Susan will respond we are informally interested.

Earth Fest Expo on May 4th, get more information and board will discuss at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Minutes submitted by Sue Wieseler