



Friends of the GTM NERR Summary of the Annual Meeting: Monday September 14, 2009

Board Members Present:

Pierre Pierce, Peter Difatta, Nancy Schachnovsky, Chris Rich, Carl Hampp, Rob Matthews, Jonathan Katzen, Ellyn Cavin

Staff Present:

Teri Webley, Mike Shirley, Andrew, Matt, Angie, Scott

Excused Absence:

Kay Henderson, Bill Coleman, Anita Pierce, Mike Timpane, Triss Padgett, Irene Kaufman

2 Friends of the GTM Reserve members attended.

Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm by Pierre Pierce

Introduction of Directors by Pierre Pierce-

The current and 09 10 officers were introduced:

- Pierre Pierce 08 09 President
- Jonathan Katzen 09 10 President
- Peter Difatta 08 09 Vice President
- Nancy Schachnovsky 08 09 Treasurer and 09 10 Vice President
- *Kay Henderson 09 10 Treasurer not in attendance*
- *Irene Kaufman 08 09 Secretary not in attendance*
- Chris Rich 09 10 Secretary

Board members present:

- Carl Hampp
- Rob Matthews
- Ellyn Cavin

The only retiring Board member is Bill Coleman

Financial Report by Nancy Schachnovsky

A printed financial report was made available to attendees.

The Friends of the GTM Reserve have partnered with the GTM Research Reserve to obtain grants that cannot be applied for through state channels.

The grants will be for \$10,000 or less. Procedures have been put in place to apply for, process, and use these grants. This is a collaborative effort between the staff at the GTM Research Reserve and the Friends of the GTM Reserve.

A lot of grant opportunities require a 501 c 3 designation and cannot be applied for by individuals.

Mike Shirley explained that the reason for this collaboration is that the current process for applying for, processing, and using grants through the state system is prohibitive to applying for grants less than \$10,000.

Using the process and procedures set up between the Friends of the GTM Reserve and the GTM Research Reserve is less labor intensive and the funds will reach the intended programs in a timelier manner.

To date 5 grants have been applied for

1 has been received

1 was not won

3 are pending

There is a lot of funding available through granting and more projects and programs are expected to be funded all or in part this way.

The Friends of the GTM Reserve and the GTM Research Reserve have changed the way the staff request funds from the Board for the 09 10 fiscal year. (These are funds paid by the Friends of the GTM Reserve and not provided by grants)

The GTM Research Reserve staff prepared a budget / work plan for the entire year and presented it to the Board at a special meeting. After recommendations from the individual committees the Board voted to approve the entire budget / work plan. The programs outlined in the work plan will be funded as requested.

This is instead of the former method of GTM staff meeting with the appropriate committee at least 2 months before each program was to be funded. The committee made a recommendation at the next Board meeting and the matter was either voted on at that time or sent back for more information.

A copy of the budget / work plan was offered to members in attendance.

Research Reserve Report by Mike Shirley

This year the GTM Research Reserve got approval for the Management Plan.

Membership Report by Jonathan Katzen

In the 07 08 fiscal year the Friends of the GTM Reserve had 343 members.

In 08 09 the membership decreased by 2.6%. The goal for 09 10 is to increase membership at least to 07 08 levels.

Jonathan is confident that the prevailing extraordinary volunteer spirit in this area will help the Friends of the GTM Reserve meet their goals.

Other Business

Jonathan asked the Friends of the GTM Reserve members present if the Board has effectively addressed the concerns raised at last year's Annual Meeting in their opinion.

Tom Barry attended last year's meeting and had these comments:

The quarterly report is great.

Documenting the activities of the Friends of the GTM Reserve can be used as a membership tool. Communicating the activities past, present, and future to the membership could result in a more active membership.

Another source of concern is the number of volunteers at the GTM Research Reserve that are not members of the Friends of the GTM Reserve. There is a missing link there.

Jonathan explained that one of the goals for 09 10 is to have activities that both the members of the Friends of the GTM Reserve and the volunteers can work on together.

There was no other business.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm

Nancy motioned

Jonathan seconded, none opposed, all approved.