

KAWO Executive Committee Minutes of October 14, 2020

Present: Alysia Babcock, Ruth Caputo, Ann Fraser, Mike Klug, Kathy McGoff, Noel Ocen-Gorgone, Paul Olexia, Margo Rebar, David Riggs, Neil Sikora,

1) Neil called the meeting to order at 6:04.

2) We approved the minutes of Sept 16.

3) We approved the Treasurer's report. The current balance is \$12588.06 We are now paying \$19.99 per month for MailChimp. Membership is 137, including at least 17 new members since May. Margo and Neil will make the names of new and lapsed members available to the committee so that they can contact new and lapsed members if they so choose.

Discussion of the 2021 Budget will be taken up at the next meeting.

4) Committee Reports

a) Monarch (Mike). Mike will talk and give out seed packets at the Barry County Science Festival this Saturday. Sarett and Love Creek Nature Centers are being provided with our materials. Dave Wendling and PCC are working on a monarch information and outreach plan. Mike will participate in the PCC Monarch Bioblitz.

b) Publications (Kim). November 1 is the deadline for next month's Seedlings.

c) Membership (Margo). No Report.

d) Outreach and Education (Noel). Mike and Noel have started a list of reading materials that they think our members will find useful. We especially need more materials for children. Noel asks the Committee to add new titles to the spreadsheet that she sent via email and send the updated copy to Noel.

e) Programs (Ruth). Ruth and Ann did a dry run of next week's monthly meeting. Mike will do the introduction. Mike will introduce Dave Mendel for the November Program. Kim is working on a flier for next year's programs. Ann created the KAWO YouTube Channel, edited the video of last month's meeting, and uploaded it.

f) Community Projects (Paul). Paul has proposed a planning meeting for next year, but has not had any response from the committee members. Neil agreed that we can set up a Zoom meeting for the Committee.

g) Hospitality (Kathy) A banner has not yet been purchased.

h) Plant Sale (Dave) No report

i) Mentoring/Site Visits-If Needed (Dave) No report

j) Kalamazoo Environmental Council (Sharon). No report.

k) We noted that the Stewards of Kleinstuck have closed on the purchase of the 12 acre woodland property adjacent to Kleinstuck Preserve that was up for sale as a potential commercial development. They have a campaign to raise the funds to complete the purchase. We discussed if and how we can support this, and decided to gather more information and to discuss this at the next meeting.

5) Old Business

a) Elections-Nominations (Kathy). Margo, David, Ann, Noel, and Alysia have agreed to stand for re-election to their current positions. Neil is stepping down and Jessie has agreed to run for President. We have no candidate for Vice President. Kim will continue her manifold publishing activities, but will not run for the At Large position.

The meeting was forced offline at 6:58 before we could get to New Business.

>>> Next Meeting: Wednesday Nov 11, 2020; 6 PM (one week earlier)

Submitted by David Riggs, Secretary