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Friends of the Fox River Trail News for February 2019

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New year, new Friends FRT membership: Don't forget to renew your Friends FRT membership for 2019. Suggested donation is \$10 per household. <https://friendsftrt.org/become-a-member/>

Notes from January 24, 2019 meeting

Attendance: Jim O'Rourke, Tom O'Rourke, Cliff Wall, Rebecca Nyberg, Ken Nyberg and Nikki Hilker

Treasurer's report: Ross Kroll has resigned as our co-treasurer. Thank you Ross for helping us this past year!

Ken Nyberg has agreed to stay on and to make deposits and monitor the account. We need someone else to look over the bank records once a quarter and to write the checks. Anyone who is interested please send an e-mail to friendsoffrt@yahoo.com

Beginning Balance Jan 1, 2018	\$3200.58
Total Revenue:	\$1,935.96
Total expenses	<u>\$2,312.81</u>
Ending Bank Balance Dec 31, 2018	\$2,823.73
Pending Balance 2018 in Pay pal	\$57.95
Pending Balance 2019 in Pay Pal	<u>\$ 9.41</u>
Current Total	\$2891.09

Friends Merchandise sales: Ken Nyberg contacted Rebecca at the Bike Hub and she is interested in selling Friends FRT merchandise. She just needs a better electronic file with our logo. Cliff Wall will try to find the file or have a volunteer set up a new one.

Frenzy on the Fox: Event was a success 335 people registered for the ride and walk. Allouez and Brown County Parks sponsored a bonfire stop near Marine St along the FRT.

Website sponsor info for 2019: The sponsorships for this year run until April 30, 2019. Ken Nyberg will contact the current sponsors and see if they want to continue. The sponsorship donation will remain at \$30 for one line acknowledgment on the webpage. Anyone interested in sponsorship starting on May 1, 2019 please use the website: <https://friendsfrt.org/become-a-member/>

Spring Clean-up day: The BC Parks naturalist will contact Friends FRT with a project plan for this spring. Stay tuned for date and project announcement.

Sign grant wrap up: The signs have been installed. This spring BC Parks staff will lower some of the signs so they are easier to view.

Brown County Parks report from Nikki Hilker: There are 2 parcels of land next to the trail in southern Brown County. Once used for loading cattle on to rail cars, they were not transferred at the time the trail was developed. The current owner has not paid the property taxes for the last 4 years and they will be available to BC Parks sometime in March. The back due taxes are less than \$300 per parcel.

The members at the meeting told Nikki to contact Friends FRT if they need help to secure the property for BC Parks. In the future these two places can be developed into parking lots. That will help more people access the southern portions of the trail for bicycling and walking.

Next quarterly meeting:

Thursday April 25, 2019
7 to 8:30 pm
Gallagher's Pizza on Webster St