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Friends of the Fox River Trail News for

August 2021

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July quarterly meeting roundup:

Attending: Peter Flucke, Tracy Flucke, Mark Ernst, Jim O'Rourke, Ken Nyberg, Nikki Hilker, Morgan Fuller and Rebecca Nyberg.

Treasurer's report:

2nd quarter, June 30, 2021 balances, checking account \$3,287 and savings account \$2,502.

Brown County Parks from Nikki Hilker:

- New staff person has been hired after the retirement of a long time park management staff member. Reorganizing of staff positions to make the best use of time and talents is underway. Work is also being done to professionalize positions and raise the pay to attract and retain staff.
- Nikki looked into buying a basic uniform and equipment for the staff. Prices have gone up sharply since last year and supply is severely limited. Friends FRT had offered at the April meeting to buy some of the things needed.

Nikki did not feel it was a good use of funds at this time. She will check again in spring to see if the supply/price situation is more favorable.

Future Friends FRT discussion:

There was a wide ranging discussion of what we would like to see happen with the Friends FRT over the next 5 years. Below were some of the ideas we kicked around. Over the next 6 months we will continue the discussion at our quarterly meetings and move forward.

- Continue helping Brown County Parks and Wis DNR to maintain and improve the FRT
- Improve our electronic media sites so that they have current content and are places where info about the FRT can be exchanged with the public
- Research and work with the surrounding communities to identify “loops” that start off the FRT for the public to explore what our area has to offer.
- Continue to advocate for more community connection with the FRT.

Everyone is welcome to help us on our quest. You can send comments through our webpage, to this email address or show up at our quarterly meetings.

Next meeting:

Thursday October 28, 2021

Location: TBA

7 pm

Get out there and continue to enjoy what the FRT has to offer!