

Meeting was called to order at 7:28PM on March 22, 2017 by President Lesley Darrin.

Board Members present –Kathy Graham, Lesley Darrin, Emily Maliss, Mammy(?), Ashlea Harhigh , Marti Longenecker and Emily Selvey.

Motion was made by Kathy to approve the minutes, Emily M., 2nd. All Approved.

Discussion was had about the need to find an Accountant with Non-Profit 501C tax experience; we thought we had someone to help us with taxes; but it didn't pan out. We would prefer someone who would be willing to provide their services as a volunteer.

Treasurer's Report

\$30.00 – Savings Account
\$1,182.03 – Winnie's Way Scholarship Fund
\$1,470.34 – Running for Rescue 5K
\$5.00 – Reclaiming the Reins
\$3,338.91– Farmraisers
\$5,521.17 – Property/Mortgage
\$450.00 – Checking
\$9,422.37 – Due on Business Line of Credit

We are currently waiting for the final 5K Check from Active.com and the \$1500.00 from the Giving Tuesday promo/fundraiser we had on Facebook.

Reclaiming the Reins Update

Holding First RTR Session on April 22nd and April 23rd and invitations to join were extended to Board members of RTR and PFF and the Harrisburg Bureau of Fire, due to recent events.

RTR is having a banner created.

February 23rd Bingo was successful.

Past Events

Future Events

Palm Sunday Event – at Colonial Park UCC - April 9, 2017 – Poppy and 4 volunteers

Milton Hershey Students – Lesley continues to work with Christopher scheduling the fees/restitution students for work at PFF.

Spartan Warriors for students is still in the plans for the summer 2017.

Lingelstown May Fair – May 20th at Lingelstown School off Mountain Road. We need 8 volunteers for this event and we will probably take Bud and Mya. We are still in need of volunteers.

R & K sub Fundraiser is set for August 2017

Joe Corbi Pizza Fundraiser is set for delivery close to trick or treat night October 2017. Andrea is coordinating.

Grants

We discussed the need to find and apply for County and State grants; this could be an opportunity to help with funding for fencing. Cindy is currently the only one looking for grants. Ashlea and Renee have started helping in the writing and editing area as well as Emily and Lesley are doing the final proofing but we need additional eyes on these grants.

We received the Unwanted Horse grant and will have vaccines (rabies, west nile and combo's for 20 horses) and the Natalie Furniss for \$3000.00.

Outstanding grants right now are:

Brennan Equine Welfare Fund – Horse Care
Ralph & Eileen Sweet Foundation – Educational
Charles Degenstein – Educational
Walter J Miller – Education was recently submitted
Build A Bear Foundation – needs submitted
Clif Bar Family Foundation – needs submitted
PPL – Needs submitted

We currently have 4 grants outstanding.

We will need to submit for TCA, P&G and Glide again in May 2017.

Operations Update

We really need the fencing to be replaced. A loan from "Community First" was discussed in conjunction with County and State grants to help with payoff.

We discussed that we could use more "male" help with knowledge and the ability to work the machinery at the farm.

Volunteer Trainings will begin in April –1st Tuesday, 2nd Saturday and 4th Sunday of the month. We need to have volunteers login to When to Help and schedule their time. Are we seeing an increase in this?

We need to have the beam in the shed repaired or replaced it was damaged during snow removal.

Aly is working on the website Re Design. She needs before and after pictures of some of the horses if they are available. She is also working on making the landing page on the website a newsletter

type feel. Emily and Lesley will be meeting with her to go over more information and details for the website.

Emily Maliss recommended a blog for the farm.

Marti needs to get meeting minutes to Aly for uploading onto the website.

Old Business

Discussion about making a change to the mission statement to include children with disabilities or making it a boarder term statement. Lesley asked the board to think about it and do some investigating so we can discuss next meeting since this is when we can make changes to the mission statement for the year. As we will be reaching out to Foster Programs, local schools and companies to try and provide services to at risk youth.

Virtual 5K, 10K – Emily Maliss has been working with US Road Running to get the proof for the Virtual 5k/10k medals completed. We are going to promote the run as something that can be completed on 2 or 4 legs to hopefully generate additional interest. Promotion of the event is going to be very important. A group chat will be set up to keep individuals informed.

Emily will trailered Malcolm and Coyote to Maryland and will begin with monthly visits to monitor Malcolm's progress.

Emily indicated that she'd like to continue with another Save a Horse Ride a Hog Fundraiser and has had discussions with the Linglestown Legion. Discussion included possible ride start at the Legion end at Barn with a carnival type event.

New Business

We discussed awarding a "Winnie's Way" scholarship for riding lessons to Sara Aslland. She had written a letter requesting our help and her family cannot afford to the cost of lessons. A motion to approve the scholarship was made by Lesley and 2nd by Marti. All approved.

We discussed a house rental opportunity with a service dog organization, brought to us by Emily Lambertoni. They need locations that they can take the dogs for a training experience where they can be exposed to different situations. A group of 8-12 dogs and handlers would come to the house for approximately 1-2 hours. There isn't anything special we'd need to do and they want us to go about our business as we would normally when they are here. Emily Lambertoni will get additional information.

Lesley discussed a possible Bingo fund raising opportunity. She has a friend that organizes these fund raisers regularly at the Hummelstown or Chambers Hill Fire Companies. She would be willing to do one for us. She has a strong following and would organize all the prizes, raffles and do the promotion. There is the possibility to raise as much as \$2,600.00. Lesley will get more information for us.

Krispy Kreme Fundraiser – we continue to examine this as a possibility; however, there are some potential issues to doing it – pick up only at certain locations and we may have to drive to get the donuts.

Emily will be helping (Joyce) a women who has 2 minis she needs to rehome. The minis will not be located at PFF; our only involvement is assisting to find a suitable home.

Discussion concerning riding lessons for an individual with high functioning autism. Dana or Emily may do the lesson. Lesley will respond to the individual and get a date scheduled if they are interested.

Chewy.com – Chewy will provide a link that we can post to our webpage and when “new” orders are placed through that link PFF will receive \$20.00. Emily made a motion to approve, 2nd by Dana. All approved.

Emily brought up that she is currently in search of an assistant instructor and that some of the candidates may be coming from out of town. If you would interested in helping by providing a room for this individual until a living space can be worked out at the farm; please let her know.

Lesley Darrin adjourned the meeting at 8:46pm