

Jefferson City Trail Users

Notes from the January 11, 2023 Meeting
Last Flight Brewing Co.

Attending: Les Fortenberry, Amy Hedrick, Kathleen Henley, Molly Bryan, Celeste Koon, Jane Lester, Mike Lester, Janeen Osborne, Kevin Schwartz, Ben Hinz, Brandy Bergthold, Heidi Smith, and Stephanie Smith.

1. Kathleen Henley reported that the treasury has a balance of \$401.93 and there was no change in paid memberships in the last month.
2. There are currently 802 members in the Facebook group.
3. The group reviewed a list of the Trail Users accomplishments from April 1, 2022 to the present. The list will be used in asking people to renew their dues or to join the group by paying \$15 in annual dues.
4. The subject of accepting dues and donations electronically was discussed. Mike Lester had researched this and sent information about GiveLively. Ben Hinz will look at it.
5. Those in attendance were reminded to read about city council candidates and their views, particularly on JC Parks funding, before the election in April.
6. Kevin Schwartz reported on the status of having a map made that will show the trail network in Jefferson City. He also reported that the signs the Trail Users group funded last year have been installed at Frog Hollow. He and Ben have worked hard this winter to get them done.
7. A specific project that this year's donations and dues will fund was not identified although a couple were mentioned.
8. The Trails Less Traveled Challenge was discussed. Molly from JC Parks will be working on the Challenge this year and she has ideas to improve it. She will be sending the group more information shortly. The Trail Users will see how they can help so Parks staff do not have to do all the work.
9. The Community Hikes have been a success. The next one is scheduled for Sunday, March 12, at 1:30 pm at Riverside Park. The April hike will probably be held the day after Earth Day on April 23 at 2:00 pm at Frog Hollow.
10. Janeen Osborne signed a letter that was sent to MODOT about the ramp proposals for Highway 54 in North Jefferson City.
11. Celeste will draft two more letters in support of the city's applications to MODOT to fund additional greenways.

11. Some of those working on the fall fundraiser have a new project in mind related to fossils and succulents. Amy Hedrick and Kathleen Henley will explore it more.

12. The next meeting date will be March 8, 2023 from 5:00-6:00 pm at Last Flight Brewing Company, 738 Heisinger Road.