

Jefferson City Trail Users
March 13, 2024 Meeting Summary
Last Flight Brewing Company

Those attending the meeting were Brandy Bergthold, Les Fortenberry, Julie Allen, Kathleen Henley, Celeste Koon, Mike and Jane Lester, Lori Henley, and Rick Thom.

1. There are currently 24 paid members and there is \$940.30 in the group's checking account. Kathleen Henley, the treasurer, collected dues from several people for the coming membership year which starts April 1. The additional dues will be reported next month.
2. The number of Facebook followers is over 1.6 K with many new members living outside the Jefferson City area. Quite a few people are joining from surrounding counties.
3. Celeste will send out a summary of accomplishments and activities from April 1, 2023 to the present. The summary will be used to ask members to pay dues for the coming membership year. The information will be posted and emailed in the next couple of days.
4. Dues and donations will be used this year for kiosk improvements at Binder and possibly Edgewood. The group's contribution will be used for lumber and other materials. Kevin Schwarz continues to work on getting kiosk cost estimates and maps made for the kiosks.
5. The March Community Hike will be on March 17 at 1:30 at the Root Canal trail at Binder Lake. The April Community Hike will be on April 14 at 1:30 pm at Green Berry Acres. The May Community Hike will be at 1:30 pm on May 19th on the gravel trail between the Lewis and Clark State Office building and Riverside Park.
6. A Get Acquaintance Hike will be held on May 4 to Prairie Garden Trust. Meeting time and location to come.
7. The City Council candidate replies were discussed along with the candidate forum and recent meetings with candidates. The group's Facebook page will be used to remind people to go vote.
8. Julie reported she has not gotten a reply from Parks about the Trails Challenge. The group is wanting to help sponsor this event in the fall depending on the availability of Parks staff to organize the registration and publicity.
9. Serve Jefferson City registration is open. One option is removing invasive species at Binder Lake. Another option is cleanup along the greenway in Washington Park. Serve Jefferson City will be on April 20. Free pancakes are provided at McClung Park. The event and registration link will be posted on the group's Facebook page.
10. The group discussed some other events coming up. Mike and Jane Lester will take Trail Users postcards to Earth Day in Memorial Park. Celeste will print more postcards to give to Julie. It

was decided the eclipse on April 8 is not an occasion that will be celebrated in Jefferson City. And for National Trails Day on June 1, members will be encouraged to visit a trail.

11. At the last meeting, Celeste had asked those attending to bring any suggestions for priority greenway segments to the next meeting. In the meantime, a lady living on Southwest Blvd. has proposed a greenway going up Southwest Blvd., along Ellis Blvd., and then to Eastland. The group thought this would be a fine addition to the greenway system even if it takes a while. It would allow many people to have access to greenways. The group was also interested in a new segment that could be built from Jefferson St. to Southwest Blvd., which would go past two schools.
12. Rick Thom reported that he talked with the manager of Gerbes West about planting native trees and shrubs in the renovated parking lot that has places for vegetation to be planted. The manager, Jay, was receptive to the suggestion to plant natives. He and Rick visited about this a couple times. Celeste will draft a letter commending the manager and store for doing this.
13. The next meeting will be April 17, 2024, from 5-6 pm at Last Flight Brewing Company.