

Hooper Board Meeting

September 6, 2022

Hooper Institute

Present: Liz Collinsworth, Kim Anderson, Emma Kobeski, Becky Whippie, Steven Dalessio, Sue Nadeau, Joni Cormier, Cheryl Mayberry

Joni Cormier calls meeting to order: 7:05pm

Secretaries report, reviewed by Becky Whippie- propose updating to the correct date, no other changes made

**Liz motions to accept the secretary report, Sue seconds- all in favor**

No formal treasurer's report completed at the meeting

Financial discussion-

There are a few mismatches financially- Amy is working on this

Court decision on Total Return Policy

Probate Court approved our request to adopt a total return policy for the Hooper Scholarship/Education Trust. Peggy Pschirrer is working on that amendment to the Trustees of Trust Funds Investment policy. It should go into effect January 1, 2023. Averaging the last twelve quarters of market value and taking three percent should mean we have at least 100,000 for our budget, won't be confirmed until the end of the year.

**Liz motions to approve to accept the Treasurer's report- Emma Seconds- all in favor**

Becky reviews Directors report developed by Helen completed on September 6, 2022:

- Updates on school programs and school gardens
- Review of summer camps and High School work programs
- Update on outreach and marketing
- Walpole Community Garden success!
- Administration, special events, programs

No FOHI update at this meeting

Liz Collinsworth reviews Scholarship Committee updates:

- Review of July 28th presentations.
  - 3 University recipients
  - 2 High School Student
  - Total scholarships awarded \$15,000

- New scaled award option- more cautious this year due to budget
  - Total Return Policy should positively affect scholarships

No formal Conservation update at this meeting- Cheryl shared they are marking the Hooper Forest

Upcoming events:

Fall Festival- September 24, 2022

Garlic Saturday October 22 with Fritz Till

Thanksgiving Farmers Market

New Business-

Review of Fall Festival needs and responsibilities list created by Helen

- Small Farm animal not an option this year
- Joni can't attend, Emma will help with raffle table
- Joni will create a sign up genius for baked goods
- Liz can't attend the day of event, but will try to help with weeding and grounds prep

Review of Tote Bag and price

- Looking at changing price to \$10

Review of Board Responsibilities and expectations

- Do we create our own expectations? Send Jonie thoughts or bring to next meeting

Review of budget-

- Board review the proposed budget, saw some discrepancies
- Conversation to be continued at next meeting

Building the High School work program? How to get more students interested?

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 4, 2022

Meeting adjourns: 8:22 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Emma Kobeski, Secretary

