

ECIMN Alumni Meeting Minutes July 8, 2021

The meeting was opened by Krista Daniels. She introduced Courtney Franke, head miller of Bonneyville Mill, who gave us a tour of the mill.

Business:

Mary Kauffmann-Kennel introduced new board members Melanie Helmuth, Dennis Badke, and Susan Zook. Lou Anne Hostetler is now vice-chair. Steve Shantz is continuing as treasurer, and Elma Chapman as communications. Carole Mitchell is outreach.

Jenna sent a written update on the current IMN class. They have one class left.

Mary read a thank-you note from the scholarship recipient. The dues from our IMN alumni group paid for the scholarship.

Mary presented awards to the three volunteers who accumulated the most volunteer hours in 2020. They were (1) Carole Mitchell, (2) Carla Gull, and (3) Mary Kauffmann-Kennel.

Committee Updates:

Melanie Helmuth - Volunteers are needed for Envirofest, which is taking place Aug. 7 from 3pm to 9pm at Island Park in Elkhart. They need help for set up, tear down, zero waste management, booths, tickets, and kids' activities. Set up starts at 10am. Volunteers will need to go through an orientation. There will be scheduled orientations, or, if you can't make one of those, they'll work with you. Contact Annie at the Elkhart Environmental Center at Annie.Klehfoth@coei.org.

Krista Daniels - Elkhart County Parks is looking for volunteers for Bug Night on Aug. 6 and for their booth at the fair. If you work in their booth, you'll get a free fair ticket for that day.

Carole Mitchell - On Friday, July 23, IMN will have a booth at the fair. Hours are 10am to 5pm, and they could use volunteers. IMN will also have a table at Envirofest. Contact Carole (bluebirdhill201@hotmail.com) Jenna, or Melanie if you are interested.

Elma Chapman - She is always looking for articles and pictures for the newsletter. Deadline is Sunday evening, July 11. Email submissions to chapman_ej@yahoo.com.

Upcoming:

Next meeting is October 14 at 6:30pm at the Feedlot Shelter at Bonneyville Mill.

Dennis Badke is contacting the Indiana state vet to talk about the illness affecting wild birds.

If anyone has suggestions for speakers/topics, let Mary know.

We will possibly have a potluck in November, probably at Schrock Pavilion at Shanklin Park. Watch for details.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Zook