

ECIMN Alumni Meeting Minutes April 15, 2021

The meeting was opened by Tammy Shidler.

Tammy gave thank you gifts to Jim Carpenter-A wood carving and to Carla Gull a \$25 gift certificate.

Tammy invited everyone to take a hike around a loop trail in Bonneyville Mills. Krista led the hike. Some of the plants we were introduced to were: bloodroot, garlic mustard, spicebush, red or white oak trees, autumn olive, honeysuckle, and the Bradbury Pear tree was discussed.

Business:

Tammy Shidler opened the meeting for business.

Garlic Mustard Pull at Boot Lake Nature Preserve on April 17, 2021

Mary Kauffmann-Kennel told us that a tree will be dedicated To Ronda DeCaire. Bring gloves and a water bottle. No tools needed. Fourteen people have signed up and there's room for more.

Elections are official

Mary Kauffman-Kennel- Chairperson

Lou Anne Hostetler- Vice Chairperson

Susan Zook- Secretary

Melanie Helmuth- Volunteer Coordinator

Dennis Badke-Education

Steve Shantz will continue as Treasurer

Elma Chapman will continue as Communications,

Krista Daniels and Jenna Wait will continue as Steering Committee Advisory Staff.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, July 8, 2021 at the Feedlot Shelter at Bonneyville Mills and our speaker will be Courtney Franke for a Mill tour.

Committee Updates:

Jenna Wait -There is a new IMN Class May 26-July 14, 2021. Also, please send her your volunteer hours/education hours for 2020 if you haven't already.

Krista Daniels- The Elkhart County 4-H Fair is happening this year. Elkhart County Parks will need help at their booth. Also, they will have a work day at the Blacksmith Shoppe where they have their booth. Details will come later.

Melanie Helmuth- is on the Goshen Tree Board. On Friday, April 23 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. up to 15 volunteers are needed to help bag 300 baby trees at Rieth Interpretive Center with Goshen Parks Department. Contact Aaron Kingsley at aaronkinglsey@goshencity.com if you are interested.

Envirofest will be on August 7, 2021. Volunteers will be needed beginning at 10 am for set up and the festival runs from 3:00pm to 9:00 pm. More details to come.

Elma Chapman - needs any Trailblazer articles, pictures, etc. by Monday April 19,2021.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:
Lou Anne Hostetler, Secretary