

**LCTA Board & *Fifteen in 5* Meeting**  
**People's Unitarian Church**  
**October 9, 2006**  
**MINUTES**

**Attendance:**

**LCTA Board Members:** Dean Barnum, Jan Barnum, Joe Clark, Sandy Colton, Ben Dukes, Keith Fletcher, Roger Flint, Diane Handler, Jim Healy, John Helbling, Ed Holstrom, Ron McGraw, Brad Mullin, Steve Nelson, Lynn Ocken, Amy Reasner, Keith Sutherland, John Wauer, Mike Wilson.

**Trail Supporters:** Barb Flint, Leland Freie, Phyllis Fleming.

The meeting was called to order by Jim Healy, President.

**Minutes:** Jan Barnum

Minutes for the September 11 meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ed Holstrom

Ed presented the report showing assets of \$67,324.17 and liabilities of \$35,000.00. The report was approved.

**Nominating Committee Report:** Mike Wilson

Nominating Committee members are Mike Wilson, Diane Handler, and John Wauer.

Officers nominated for the 07/08 term are: Jon Bogert, President; Amy Reasner, Vice President; Ed Holstrom, Treasurer; and Brad Mullin, Secretary. The nominations were approved.

Board members nominated for the 07/08 term are: Dean Barnum, Jan Barnum, Dick Chelikowsky, Joe Clark, Sandy Colton, Ben Dukes, Geoff Eastburn, Keith Fletcher, Roger Flint, Charles Grado, Sue Grant, Diane Handler, Jim Healy, John Helbling, Liz Hoskins, Cliff Koop, Dave Maresh, Ron McGraw, Steve Nelson, Lynn Ocken, David Oliver, Tom Pepper, John Rinke, Keith Sutherland, John Wauer, Judi Whetstine, Mike Wilson Jim Wing, and Dave Wolf. The nominations were approved.

**Trees Forever Tree Planting:** Jim Healy

Volunteers are needed for tree planting on November 3 at 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**National Trails Symposium:** Jim Healy

Dan Biechler, John Morris, Jon Bogert and Adam Lindenlaub have committed to go, some for just one day. There will be good sessions, on many topics that would be helpful. The symposium is October 18 to 21. Trail supporters should attend on different days. LCTA will pay the \$150 per day fee for LCTA

attendees. The Cedar Rapids Visitors and Convention Bureau will have a booth at the symposium. Dean Barnum gave them a box of maps for their booth.

**LCTA & Fifteen in 5 Planning--Progress Report:** John Helbling

The LCTA Executive Committee has met two times on Saturday mornings for the purpose of developing a strategic and tactical plan. John passed out copies of the plan, which is not complete at this time. The strategic plan will define the five-year plan. The tactical plan will define how to complete a given project and what role LCTA will play. The finished plan will include a budget and a long-term calendar. This plan will be LCTA's strategy on how to operate. Once the Executive Board has completed the plan, the LCTA full board will be asked to provide input. Along the way, it will be decided whether the committees need to be restructured. Ron McGraw stated that the master trails plan is about 85% complete at this point. The cost for the total metro trails project will be around 20 million dollars.

**Committee Reports:**

**Public Awareness & Support:** Amy Reasner

The Halloween event will be on October 22 on the trail at Cedar Lake. Volunteers are still needed. Sandy Colton and Joe Clark have been planning the event. There will be fourteen stations as you go around the lake. There will be packaged candy and snacks. Jim Healy said they could spend what they need to. There will not be a budget. The rain date is one week later.

**Trail Development:** Ron McGraw

There have been a lot of meetings this month with Linn County, Marion, Cedar Rapids and the Linn County Planning Commission. The Linn County Plan is complete. An engineer has been hired to put together a plan for the Ely trail head. Work is progressing on Segment G and it is partly paved. Because the developer in that area has not sold some of the properties, it was decided to move the trail south and go behind the houses so it may not be finished this year.

**Governmental Support:** John Helbling

Funding requests must be in by the end of October for the Chamber of Commerce trip to Washington D.C. in February. John met with Brian Fagan about this. LCTA must define our priorities and have a plan for what the money will be used for. The final date to submit material for the Chamber trip is January 15, 2007.

Diane Handler stated that trail supporters need to fill the room at the Linn County Budget meeting in early November. An email will be sent with the date of the meeting.

There should be a plan to interest the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation in our trails so we could get help from them.

**Volunteer/Supporter Development:** Keith Sutherland

The number of trail supporters is about the same as last month. The LCTA newsletter will be coming out this week. Reminders will be sent to those who have not contributed in awhile and the fall fundraiser letter will go out in November.

**Annual Meeting:**

The LCTA and *Fifteen in 5* Annual Meeting will be Monday November 13, 2006. Jim Prosser, Cedar Rapids City Manager, has been asked to speak.

**Other New & Unfinished Business:** None

**Jan and Dean Barnum, Co-Secretaries**