

FOSC Board Minutes

November 3, 2021

Attending by zoom: Mike Smith, Betsy Proch, Tom Walton, Fran Rothstein, Paul Chrostowski, Christine Dunathan, Kit Gage

Financials/Fundraising:

Christine shared quarterly donations comparisons for the last 5+ years. Not far off from last year total. We decided to try a contractions match - asking the Board how much each can give (privately to Mike S), then announcing a total match for what members donate. **Mike** will ask **Fran** to draft letter to the membership, to go out before Thanksgiving. **Mike** will write letter to donor in Oregon.

Programs and Walks: (not necessarily in order)

Programs

1. Trash issues - **Mike S** - will contact Trash Free MD about a presentation including upcoming state legislative efforts - next program
2. Art in Sligo - **Fran** (with Elaine?) will investigate highlighting some artists or consider an art contest. Patterson Clark's Alien Weeds, Julius Kassovic's photos, Marty Ittner were mentioned as options.
3. Indigenous presence in Sligo, and practices - **Barbara Francisco**
4. Water Quality program detail TBD - **Paul Chrowstowski** - Jan/Feb? Include Breewood data?
5. Climate Change impacts on Sligo and Plants in general - cosponsor with Takoma Horticultural Club, etc., - **Kit**
6. **Tom** Walton will contact USGS to see if they can meet with us about their work in Sligo

Programs Check for Functionality:

7. Bike safety in the Park - WABA - **Fran**
8. What do you want to know? specialists in plants, animals, specifically birds - **Kit**

Walks

1. Kids' guide to Sligo - **Mike** will draft a note to membership soliciting volunteers
2. Paseo en Español - **Kit** will work with **Vanesa Pinto** on this

Interview Board Candidate

Mike, Betsy and Kit, with Tom backup, on the call. **Mike** will do a doodle poll.