

Friends of Lower Muskingum River Monthly News Roundup March 18, 2014

The following is a slightly shortened version of this month's board meeting minutes, provided to the FLMR membership to keep you up to date with what is going on in FLMR.

In attendance were board members Marilyn Ortt, Elin Jones, Katy Lustofin, Susan Corcoran, Quincy Robe, Dave Blount and Doug Albaugh, Watershed Coordinator Jesse Daubert, and Young Leaders student Andrew Knizner.

Membership Report: Quincy reported that the return on the fourth quarter 2013 renewal mailing is now at 91%. So far, he has a 60% return on the first quarter mailing.

Watershed Coordinator Report:

The winter newsletter went out last week. There has been a change in printing method. It is now done with a laser printer, so the newsletter can include sharp full-color pictures. This newsletter has to be re-printed at the last minute when Jim Konkoly unexpectedly dropped out of the VISTA training program.

Jesse recently mailed three boxes of printer cartridges for recycling, for which we received a check for \$33.85.

We are once again looking for candidates for the VISTA position, and we need them very quickly in order to meet deadlines for next training. We have very nice office space in the Riecker Building in McConnelsville. Details about the position are on our website at www.muskingumriver.org.

FLMR may have a yard sale in May or June. Items have been accumulating.

Jesse reminded us that this may be his last year as watershed coordinator (the current grant ends in February 2015). He has been accepted in graduate school at Ohio University. However, he is currently working on budget and funding, and might stay on longer, depending on funding.

Muskingum River Advocacy Council – Marilyn and Elin attended the recent meeting.

Removal of snags from the river channel has been funded, and they need to know the location of any snags that should be removed. The next meeting is June 9, 1:00 p.m., at Lookout Park, Marietta.

Clean Ohio Conservation Fund Projects:

Dana Island – Marilyn reported that TGS requested permission to do seismic testing for oil/gas; however, this is not permitted by Clean Ohio.

Fairfield Tract: John has put up more of our yellow signs on the property.

Old Business:

Bag report – Elin brought in \$285 today. She is sold out and needs to make more bags. She has applied to get a booth at the River City Farmers Market (at the Fair Grounds), along with another arts/crafts person, with whom we would split the cost.

New Business:

Marilyn reported that Duke Energy is selling its mid-west generating facilities, including this plant.

Future Dates:

FLMR will have a public meeting on March 27, 7:00 p.m., Room 150, Selby Hall, Marietta College. Jesse will present Stream Team testing results and how they will be used.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Albaugh, Secretary