



**Camp Frances Educational and
Recreational Center**
1501 S. Cochran Ave.
Charlotte, MI 48813

**Camp Frances Board of Directors Meeting
January 14, 2025 6:30 pm at Camp Frances**

Attended by:

Cathy Bogner Susie DeBack Karen Perry Amy Smith Jeff Christensen

Barb VanderMolen D'Lynn Smith Margaret Bales Absent: Mikaela Bliven

1. **Call to Order** – at 6:35 pm by Cathy Bogner.
2. **Minutes** from Dec 10, 2024 meeting – unanimously approved as written
3. **Guests/Public Comment** – Anne Watson, Nicole Christensen
4. **City Council Rep:** Jeffrey Christensen- The city manager seems to be staying with the city. Basic business was discussed at the council meeting and the city will be starting budget talks. Jeff inquired what some needs of the board might have and wanted the city to fulfill. He shared the community will be seeing the roads being fixed in the spring. He stated the city is in the best financial status it's been in in years.
5. **Treasurer Report** – Amy – new financial report obtained from City Financial Adviser. We currently have a balance of approximately \$19,000. The Yearend report lists \$3,500 as our total expenditures for the year. There was not a balance of funds given.
 - a. Money investment option – Mary L. provided info about an option of having the camp's money invested. The city has an entity that money is deposited to for investment purposes. *Action: Cathy will send out the information to the board and discuss at the next meeting.*
6. **Renter Concerns-** There is a mouse concern, we've had to set traps, and have caught a couple. Karen shared how to set the traps. It was discussed getting a pest control company. *Action: Amy will ask her pest control business to investigate where the mice might be coming in.*

Karen shared that a renter complained of the floor having salty wet foot prints and food residue on the stove, although it was clean a day before. The board discussed having the cleaning woman come in twice a year. November and May if VRBO is a go and rentals increase we can add a third cleaning.

7. Old Business

- a. **Women Giving Together Update** –\$1950 was received towards the path, thank you cards were sent. THANKS to Cathy for sending out the cards. The funds were deposited with the city and should show in our accounts. *Action: We will need to do a press release for the acceptance of the funds.*
- b. **Memorial walkway** fundraising, etc – Memorial walkway fundraising D'Lynn presented that monthly lessons/crafts/classes would begin in the next month or so, starting with play dough. Ideas for the classes are soap making, cookie decorating, yoga hike to name a few. Susie presented the idea of running the path along the side of the road vs. down the middle of the lawn. When we get closer to the installation of the path we can research more placement options. The grant will be applied for in April. *Action: Cathy noted she is working to get estimates on using asphalt. Jeff will discuss with council about the pathway plan*
- c. **Rental Process** – The charging of funds by city will probably not begin in January as projected. *Action: VBRO will be researched to the fullest and report back to the group.*
- d. **Applebee's Update** – February 6 is the dinner. We will need to all share the flyer. Invite friends and relatives. *Action: Everyone share flyer for Applebee's fundraiser.*

8. New Business-

- a. **President Meeting with City Manager** - Cathy met with the city manager, and reviewed some of the discussion points that she had with Rob Hillard. He has been researching the history of CF. Does the board want the city to continue to act as the fiduciary? Cathy has requested that renter information and phone number be included on the calendar for rentals. *Action: Cathy sent out a list of discussion points from the City Manager meeting.*

9. The next meeting is Feb 11, 2025

Adjournment – 8:05pm Camp Check: Feb Cathy/Susie March D'Lynn