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Hello Friends,

Thanks for a number of important discussions last week about future board members, budget adjustments, the Preserve Master Plan, and the Friends Annual Meeting. Here are some of the key takeaways:

The nominating committee has successfully found more interested people than the number of spots that need to be filled. We will fill positions now on a first come first serve basis, and maintain connections with folks who miss out on a spot this time around. Thanks for the hard work nominating team!

Two budget adjustments were approved at the meeting, the first being a wage increase for the Prairie Partner interns. The second was an allocation of \$300 for the purchase of a microphone for field trips. Seth and Paul N both offered to lend their own microphones, so we will try these first. But the funds have now been set aside if the purchase of a new microphone is still determined necessary. A third proposed budget change was an increase in funds for the Annual Meeting this year to recognize the organization's 20th anniversary. Olympia and I will follow up with Steve Sellwood with more specifics in the near future. Thanks to Steve for managing the budget!

Laura provided some exciting news about plans for a Preserve building that could alleviate much of the staff's travel woes while serving as a nature and outreach center. Looking forward to hearing more as plans develop!

Thanks to Rhonda for guiding our discussion on the Preserve's original guiding principles, and taking our suggestions on how they might be altered for the future. This part of our meeting and onwards was recorded, and you can access that recording here:
<https://uwmadison.box.com/s/ocbfgzgkxgmimvbkjvbx9pzkd8o720s8>

The board decided that more effort should be taken to involve friends members with the master planning process. The first step in this direction has been undertaken by Gisela in drafting an email to be sent to all friends members. We aim to follow up with other means of communication as well. Thanks to Gisela for spearheading this effort, and to Rhonda for providing key information.

Olympia and I provided an update on the Annual Meeting planning process. We are currently on the search for speakers, and hope to find someone specifically that can share an indigenous perspective. We also want to honor the Friends 20th anniversary with an exhibit, a newsletter piece, and a gift to members. We also plan to host the "Its In Our Nature" poetry reading again this February.

Signe then reported on the stellar in-person field trip programming the Friends have been

organizing. More hosts are needed! Paul N also reminded us about the upcoming "board walk" this winter. It was also noted that Marjorie Rhine was interested in hosting a nature writing seminar for the Friends, which would be a great way to get started on pieces for the "board walk"! Thanks field trip team!

If I missed anything, please feel free to add on and refresh our memories. Otherwise, see you all again in December!

Cheers,
Will