

**Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail (CFET) 1-6-25
Meeting Minutes January 6, 2025**

Annual Meeting

Call to Order

The Annual meeting of the Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail was called to order at 6:03pm on January 6, 2025 by Jake Samascott in the Community Room of the Kinderhook Memorial Library

Present

Jake Samascott, Deb Shakotko, Lee Jamison, Jessie Anderson, Nolan Robinson,
David Kolb, Bill Schneider, Kevin Gilrain,
Public: Ron Rich, Bob Hess
Absent: Michael Susi,

Review 2024

Highlights of 2024 were reviewed by Jake. Volunteers worked 800 hours.
April EarthDay Clean up with local Scouts was the first Clean-up
A pickup truck was purchased. A storage container was purchased and installed in Stuyvesant Falls.
A change in Greenway funding will make the funding more permanent. A successful Octoberfest was held in cooperation with TriVillage Rotary on 10-19-24 with about 200 meals served.

New Boardmembers

Jake nominated and Kevin seconded the following nominations: three current Boardmembers for a new term: Bill Schneider, Deb Shakotko, Lee Jamison. Bob Hess will fill 2 year remaining term of departing David Kolb and Ron Rich returns for 1 year to finish Jake's term.. Approved.

Ron presented Jake with a plaque from the Board honoring his contributions since the founding of CEFT.

Adjournment

Bill moved and Jessie seconded meeting adjourned at 6:22pm

Monthly Meeting January 6, 2025

Call to Order

The January Monthly meeting of the Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail was called to order at 6:23 pm on January 6, 2025 by Jake Samascott in the Community Room of the Kinderhook Memorial Library.

Present

Jake Samascott, Deb Shakotko, Lee Jamison, Jessie Anderson, Nolan Robinson,
David Kolb, Bill Schneider, Ron Rich, Bob Hess
Public: Kevin Gilrain,
Absent: Michael Susi,

Slate of Officers

Kevin moved and Nolan seconded this slate of Officers:

President: Ron Rich

Vice President: Bill Schneider

Secretary: Lee Jamison

Treasurer: Deb Shakotko

Approved

Review December 2, 2024 Monthly Meeting Minutes

Bill moved and Jessie seconded to approve: Passed

Treasurer and Budget Status Reports

Deb gave treasurer's report through December 31, 2024

Opening Balance \$21,120.93

Revenue \$8,849.48

Expenses \$11,40.32

Closing Balance: Total with Reserves: \$ 59,813.75

Income includes Greenway Grant funds, a \$580 donation, CD interest

Expenses include Volunteer Appreciation Party, Truck payment, electric bill

Deb notes we still need to pay Rotary-to be done in January

Lee moved to approve and Bill seconded: Passed.

Membership Report

Nolan reported that "Giving Tuesday email inspired gifts of \$650

Automatic membership renewals generated \$1330

Nolan will sort renewals and send reminders as necessary. Newsletter draft should be ready this week.

Ron will meet with Michael about postcards.

Training and Maintenance Committee Report

No activity for winter. Batteries removed. Exploring getting new rapid chargers and brush cutters.

Kevin has an equipment wish list. There is a counter for the winter trail use at Rothermel Park.

Earth Day Clean-up planned for 4-26-25 Ron offers to make buttons for volunteers

Other Business: Ron suggests we send a quarterly email to members for volunteer opportunities and updates. Jessie suggested it would be nice to have a brochure to hand out to the public

Public Comments: none

Adjournment: Nolan moved, Jessie seconded; Meeting adjourned 7:00 pm

Next Meeting March 3, 2025 @ 6pm

No February Meeting due to no winter activities

We will meet Monday March 3, 2025 at the Community Room at the Kinderhook Memorial Library.

Please use the Sylvester Street entrance.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Jamison