

C.O.R.E Meeting Minutes 1-25-17

Hockaday Museum of Art

Attendees: Denny Olson, Kathy Martin, Holly Church, Casey Fuson, Brian Schwartz, Teresa Wenum, Sheena Tate, Cynthia Ingelfinger, Mary Jo Gardner, Laura Law, and Melissa Sladek (phone)

Winter Trails Day was Jan. 14. (The national organization didn't designate a certain day.) Lone Pine had 14 people snowshoeing. Brian was on KGEZ promoting the day. Audubon had 19 come to Owen Sowerwine and GNP had 49 attend. Glacier Nordic Club hosted at Grouse Mountain Lodge. MT Wilderness Association does winter walks.

Teresa gave an update on *Forest For Every Classroom*. Teresa, Laura, and Melissa are heading the steering committee. It is a yearlong training for teachers learning place-based approaches to education. A community meeting will be Mar. 16th, 4:30-7:30, at the Flathead National Forest Service 650 Wolfpack Way 406-758-5218.

Project Learning Tree is April 8th. *Earth Day* is April 22nd. Citizens for a Better Flathead is organizing the event. *The County Science Fair* is Mar. 9th. *Montana Environmental Educators Conference* is Mar. 9th and 10th in Helena. *Arbor Day* is April 28th, and Kalispell Parks and Rec. has in the past sponsored an event for 3rd graders. Flathead Conservation District is presenting a *weed workshop* on Mar. 1st. *Snowshoeing in GNP* is on Saturdays and Sundays at 10:30 and 2:00. School trips are booked. The Summit House Nature Center has been busy and school snowshoeing trips are booked. There is a *Science on Ice* program, contact Teresa at 758-5218 for information.

Holly reported that Flathead Lake Biological Station has submitted a grant for a teacher workshop. There will be a Flathead Lakers event for 3rd-5th graders this spring. Cynthia was happy to tell us that the Flathead Conservation District website has been redone. Sheena announced that this is the 10-year anniversary for Crown of the Continent Geotourism. Waterton/Glacier International Peace Park is the first park to have a **Dark Sky** designation. Denny reported the Riparian Wetlands Trunk is done, the focus being on the Stillwater and Flathead Rivers. The Audubon phenology calendar is almost finished. There is a partnership with several local non-profit organizations to sell them. Denny presented a program at the Conrad Mansion in partnership with The Glacier Institute. Upcoming: F.V.C.C. seniors class, Beauty of Birds class, and Tracking class through Glacier Institute Feb. 4th. Casey recently started work at Lone Pine State Park and she is helping Brian prepare for spring and summer programming. Brian said there has been an interest in "full moon" and sky viewing. Teresa shared that the Watershed Sourcebook 2nd Edition is soon to be printed. Laura shared that F.V.C.C. associate professor, Tim Eichner, has invited C.O.R.E. to observe the GIS augmented reality sandbox to learn about terrain. There was an article in the newspaper. Kathy showed us Music to My Eyes children's art Exhibition and Ten Days exhibit. It showcases Kenneth Yarus and Richie Carter's artist residency in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex. The exhibit is through Feb. 18th. The website committee will meet again, and Laura will call Go Daddy regarding the website not working.