

Friends of Rouge Park
Minutes
Sept. 19, 2009

Attendance: Tom McNulty, Chester Marvin, Sally Petrella, Paul Stark, Jack Smiley, Paul Schwab, Tamara Dyson

Minutes: Accepted as read

Treasurer's Report, Chester Marvin: Total \$4,450.41

Membership Report, Tom McNulty: 42 individual and family memberships, 9 organizational memberships.

President's Report, Sally Petrella

1. Tunnel Project Update: It will be a scaled down tunnel. They still have not removed the fence blocking the bicycle path. They are offering the fence to D-Town Farm, but they are not interested.
 2. Great lakes Restoration Initiative. \$475 Million. FOTR is looking to partner with Detroit and others for a project including rain gardens, possible restoration of Rouge Park Prairie and Eliza Howell Park wetlands and prairie. Also manure composting at Buffalo Soldiers. Non-native invasive removals. All restoration projects only.
- Old business: Butterfly Walk was a success. Many who came were interested in returning to do buckthorn removal in the butterfly area.

5K Run

\$1200 in sponsorships and 17 registered runners so far.
NEED a nurse! Paul will send email plea with Sally's better email list.

Next Meeting: Oct. 21, 2009