

# Friends of the Big Empty

## Minutes

### Board meeting

**DATE** November 28, 2023

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**TIME** 6:00 PM

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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY** Alex Vukasin

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#### IN ATTENDANCE

Exa Lee Smith, Cindie Kesler, Alex Vukasin, Marcella Barden, Jessica McDermott, Mariah McDermott, Becky Offutt, Brandi Kureska

#### OPEN MEETING

Time: 6:05 PM Quorum: Minimum 4 board members: x Yes \_\_ No

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were provided from the November 7 meeting.

Motion to approve with no changes: Cindie, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Exa Lee, Approved unanimously

#### BOARD

1. Finalize Newsletter (see draft email 11/17/23)
2. Review Mascot Contest Rules/Parental Consent/Release Form (see draft email 11/15/23)

#### NEW TOPICS

1. Jessica created the Instagram account for Friends of The Big Empty  
<https://www.instagram.com/friendsofthebigempty/>
2. Marcella updated the social media links on both Explore The Big Empty and Friends of The Big Empty
3. Jessica and Marcella scheduled to meet 12/1 at 5:30 to begin going over mailbox access and website access.
4. Exa Lee is working on information to add to the Notable Residents section - Bob Lilly.
5. Exa Lee brought information to be added to the narrative that will go with the Hobert Farm photos.
6. Exa Lee brought information on Col. Morgan to be added to the narrative once we have a photo to post on the Veterans Day section of the Knox County page.
7. All members should think about the interview questions to ask when adding a Notable Resident. Bring suggestions to the next meeting.

8. Jessica learned who Flat Stanley is 😊 which gave us some ideas once we have the mascot approved.
9. Tax ID still in progress, we're next in line.
10. We will need a digital flyer created for the Mascot Contest to start sharing in January.
11. Marcella is working on the form for submitting entries to the Mascot Contest. It is scheduled to be live on January 1.
12. Jessica will coordinate the responses/entries for the Mascot Contest which will be going to the Explore The Big Empty mailbox.
13. Marcella is scheduled to send the school superintendent email on Dec 1 announcing the Mascot Contest. The Instagram account needs to be added to the email first.
14. Becky will coordinate Mascot Contest announcements in the local newspapers. (using digital flyer created in item 10 above)
15. Mascot Contest Prize pledges so far: Cindie video camera, Becky \$200, Brandi \$50, Marcella \$50, Alex \$50

### **CLOSE MEETING**

Motion to close meeting at 7:35: Jessica, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Becky, Approved unanimously

### **NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, December 14, 6p-8p  
111 N. Munday Ave