

The Res

2021 Annual Report



Report from the President

2021 has been a year of rebuilding and repair. Many of our facilities are at an age where it is time to upgrade and repair. We have gone through much of our reserves this year to get two of our buildings back to a presentable state, but there is still work to be done. Also, multiple leaks in our aging plumbing has caused water to be shut off at times until repairs have been made. One problem caused the ranger family to be relocated to a local hotel for 5 days. Things are working now but more repairs need to be made in the future both in the ranger's cabin and the outside restrooms. We have hired Trimboli Contracting to do repairs on the garage and nature center where wood has rotted. The Res lost the Rotary Cabin several years ago due to termite damage and we will address this problem in the spring. In spite of structural repairs, we have so much to be thankful for. Jernegan Lodge continues to be rented nearly every weekend by people who enjoy this gathering place for reunions, parties, showers, graduations, business meetings, etc. We continue to welcome walkers, dog walkers, photographers, scout groups, school groups, and any visitors that want to enjoy our trails in the woods.

Mission Statement

The Res provides our community with a natural space to facilitate education, recreation, and nature appreciation.

2021 Board of Directors

Officers

Janet Hoke	President
Josiah Hartman	Vice President
Bob Shriner	Treasurer
Lisa Westfall	Secretary

Members at Large

Ashley Cochran
Jane Anne Hanes
Lina Marchi
Cassidy Richard
Lora Rozzi
Hannah Shank



Environmental Projects

Throughout 2021, members of the board partnered with professionals, organizations, colleges/universities, and community volunteers to address the invasive plant species that have been out competing native vegetation. Continued efforts were made to eradicate Garlic Mustard from the property, and a new project was started to eradicate Honeysuckle and Eurasian Bittersweet.

The Res Board contracted with Josh Walker, who owns Walker Precision Excavating, to remove Honeysuckle, Eurasian Bittersweet, and many more invasive plant species from approximately 3.7 acres of our woodlands. A Fecon mower attached to a skid steer was primarily used to mulch all the shrubs and other plants that were choking out the native plants. Additionally, Mr. Walker had crew members use chainsaws to eliminate many mature trees that were dead or posed a threat to people and pets walking on the trails. With the large sources of invasive species removed from this area, continued maintenance is required to keep them at bay as the native plants reestablish themselves this coming spring. Additional work will be done in late winter and early spring to introduce additional native plants (via the spread of seed) to this area. Due to financial limitations, The Res will need the help of community volunteers and organizations for this project to be successful. Remember to check our website and social media accounts for scheduled workdays and other ways you can donate your time or resources.



Environmental Education

In October of 2021 The Res hosted its annual Environmental Days for all School City of Mishawaka fourth graders. There were approximately 300-400 student participants. It was a fun day to get outside and enjoy learning about the nature and wildlife in our local area. Each fourth grade elementary group rotated between four 40 minute presentations, and participated in hands-on activities while learning.

Ms. Marie Peacock, an instructional aide at Emmons Elementary, gave a presentation on the variety of trees, leaves, and seeds we find locally at The Res, and the kids participated in a leaf relay race game. Education Coordinators from the St. Joseph Soil and Water Conservation District, Ally Pudlo and Mr. Rick Glassman, partnered up to teach the students about the endangered wildlife in our local area, and students were able to observe wildlife artifacts up close. Representatives from the St. Joseph County Parks Department gave a hands-on presentation called “Paddles from the Past”, which taught the students about the fur trade and pioneer skills. Our very own Res Vice President, Josiah Hartman, came out with his coworkers from The St. Joseph County Department of Health to teach students about mosquito and tick safety. Students were able to use microscopes to observe ticks and mosquitos, and were given useful information packets to take home with them.



Membership Drive and Donations

The Res had a very successful membership drive in 2021, adding new and returning members to the list for 2022. We have a total of 63 memberships totaling \$7,710. Fourteen of those are first time memberships. Some people decided on a membership at our anniversary celebration on September 24th. We also received a grant from Whole Foods for the amount of \$1,642 to help finance a permanent story walk for the trail behind the nature center. In addition to the grant and memberships, we had many generous donations adding up to \$12,895. You can see a list of those donors and members on our website at www.mishawakares.org.

V.I.P. Guests in 2021

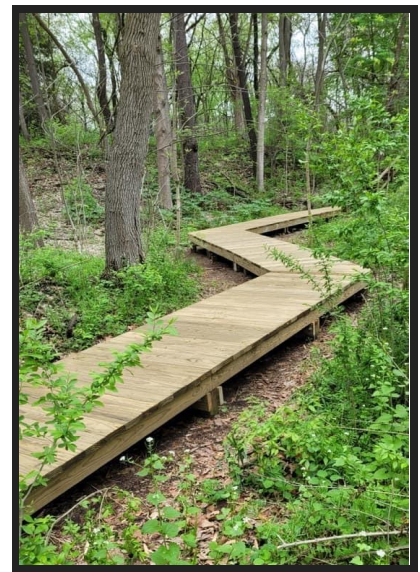
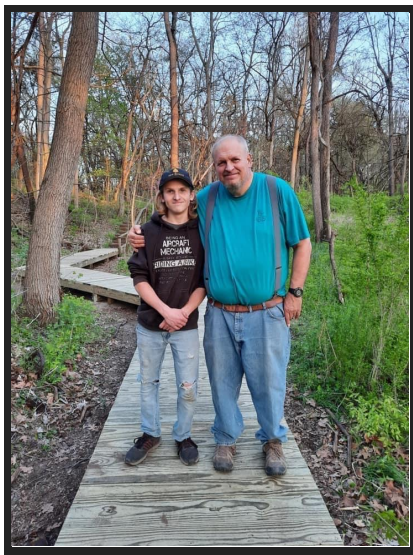
1. Dec-O-Art
2. Girl and Boy Scouts of America
3. St. Anthony De Padua Parish
4. SageWood Villas
5. Indiana University of South Bend
6. Saint Margaret's House
7. Oaklawn
8. TLCU
9. Northern Indiana Therapies
10. Community Foundation of St. Joseph County 21st Century Scholarship Success Fellowship Program

Volunteers

Volunteers are such an important part of helping keep up with some of the maintenance of the grounds and buildings. Bethel University comes out every October for a day of community service. They do things such as remove invasive species, clear trails, lay mulch, wash windows, etc. This year we had a group from Granger Community Church paint the exterior of the outdoor restrooms. Mishawaka High School National Honor Society pulled garlic mustard and bagged it up, and IUSB students helped clear honeysuckle. We also had someone paint the sheds and do some other odd jobs. We will be looking for volunteers again to continue with invasive plant removal and possible other outdoor tasks. We are grateful for all their hard work!

Eagle Scout Projects

The Res had two outstanding Eagle Scout projects that will be enjoyed for years to come. Nicholas Fullhart replaced the boardwalk leading from the bridge at the bottom of the steps east of Jernegan Lodge to the steps that lead to the trail near the meadow. He did a wonderful job and it looks great! Ben Pamachena built and installed 11 benches along the trails throughout the woods. That was another ambitious endeavor, which gives visitors a place where they can rest and enjoy the beauty of nature around them. We appreciate our Eagle Scouts so much for helping make The Res a better place.



Christmas Tree Sale

We had another successful tree sale this year. All the trees were sold. However, we need to look into alternative suppliers that will deliver. The cost of getting them here eats away the profits.

Rental truck from U-Haul: \$345.65

KP Tree & Nursery: \$1,320.00

Gas: \$85.02

Total expenses: \$1,750.67

Profit: \$1,377.00

Kiwanis Cabin and Restroom Repairs

Repairs to the rotted exterior of Kiwanis Cabin were long overdue. Trimboli Contracting removed all the old rotted wood, replaced some of the framing, and resided it with cedar siding. Volunteers then scraped and painted the entire exterior of the building. The back of the restrooms were completely rotted as well. All the bad wood was removed and replaced, and then resided with metal siding over any exposed wood. These were two projects that were in dire need of repair, and they turned out looking much better.



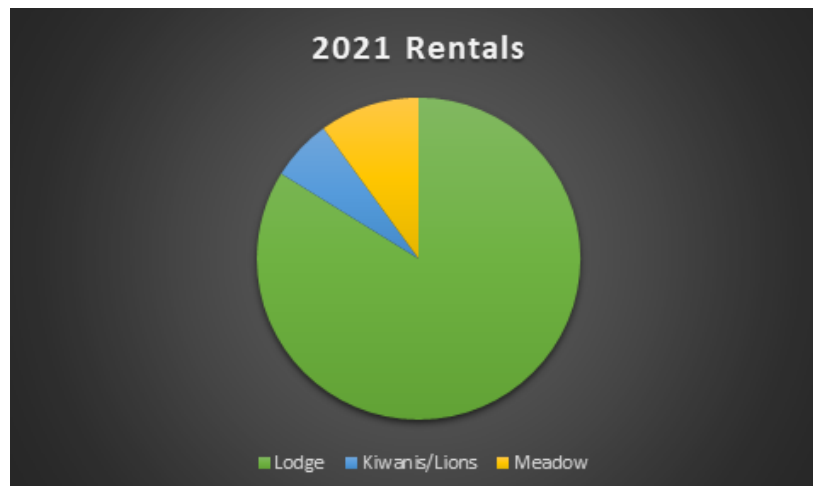
Before



After

Goals for 2022

- Continue repair work on Kiwanis with a new roof and gutter.
- Continue restoration of the restrooms by installing a new furnace in the back room and running heat ducts to the restroom and repairing plumbing breaks.
- Replace trim around garage doors and nature center doors.
- Secure all openings to the nature center to keep out critters.
- Complete the tree identification trail in the woods.
- Follow up on the invasive removal that was done last spring using volunteer groups.
- Develop education programs that teachers can use by possibly partnering with the St. Joseph County Soil and Water Conservation District.
- Plan at least two community events for families to enjoy.
- Install a new tractor bridge (this was a goal in the 2019 report, way overdue)



Balance Sheet

December 31, 2021

Assets

Current Assets

Unrestricted Cash	\$ 129,904.31
Jernegan Lodge Upkeep (Klaer Memorial)	\$ 12,189.06
Fence Improvements Fund	\$ 6,526.00
Marketing / Advertising Fund	\$ <u>9,970.15</u>
Total Current Assets	\$ 158,589.52

Non-Current Assets

Land & Buildings	\$ 134,022.00
Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment	\$ <u>1,920.00</u>
Total Non-Current Assets	\$ 135,942.00

Total Assets	\$ <u>294,531.52</u>
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Liabilities and Fund Balance

Current Liabilities	\$ 0.00
Non-Current Liabilities	\$ 0.00

Fund Balance	
Unrestricted	\$ 129,904.31
Restricted	\$ <u>28,685.21</u>

\$ 158,589.52

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 158,589.52
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Endowment Balance (CFSJC) 02/07/2022	\$ 485,634.06
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Res Profit and Loss Sheet 2021

RES INCOME & EXPENSES, 2021													
DESCRIPTION	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	TOTAL
INCOME													
USER FEES	\$1490.00	\$1600.00	\$1975.00	\$1910.00	\$1935.00	\$2780.00	\$1825.00	\$2375.00	\$775.00	\$2065.00	\$1375.00	\$2070.00	\$21175.00
MEMBERSHIP FEES	\$625.00	\$300.00	\$100.00	\$25.00	\$175.00				\$830.00	\$1110.00	\$650.00	\$1500.00	\$5315.00
DONATIONS	\$350.00	\$1100.00		\$5.00	\$6.00	\$10.00	\$100.00	\$1034.65	\$1065.00	\$5504.00		\$7400.00	\$16203.00
- MEMORIALS					\$200.00	\$20.00			\$1025.00	\$420.00			\$1665.00
-BEQUESTS													
-COMMUNITY FOUNDATION						\$18683.00							\$18683.00
-OTHERS													
-BRICKS				\$100.00									\$100.00
-PATCHES													
EVENTS-CHRISTMAS TREE SALES											\$3078.00	\$50.00	\$3128.00
-CRAFT SALES											\$75.00		\$75.00
GRANT PAYMENTS													
MISC. INCOME													
DIVIDENDS													
TOTAL INCOME	\$2465.00	\$3000.00	\$2075.00	\$2040.00	\$2316.00	\$21473.00	\$1925.00	\$3409.65	\$3695.00	\$9099.00	\$5178.00	\$11020.00	\$67695.65
EXPENSES													
CONTRIBUTIONS TO SJCCF													
INSURANCE		\$2025.00				\$1598.50			\$2018.00			\$1598.50	\$7240.00
CREDIT CARD CHARGES	\$240.63	\$75.90	\$484.49	\$63.25	\$684.52	\$110.79	\$213.04	\$643.20	\$776.78	\$140.81	\$298.02	\$701.03	\$4432.46
OPERATIONS-EQUIPT.& MAINTENANCE			\$378.00			\$45.00	\$1500.00	\$4037.43	\$7078.97			\$687.00	\$13726.40
-POST OFFICE BOX												\$118.00	\$118.00
TRASH REMOVAL	\$260.52	\$101.48	\$535.51		\$268.37		\$541.46	\$278.58	\$441.49	\$443.78	\$277.64	\$279.80	\$3428.63
UTILITIES	\$1107.45	\$3243.29	\$1463.87	\$1713.45	\$968.01	\$1550.52	\$935.96	\$2193.99	\$609.37	\$1340.68	\$624.41	\$1190.24	\$16941.24
REFUNDS	\$150.00		\$225.00	\$75.00				\$150.00		\$375.00		\$225.00	\$1200.00
ADVERTISING, MARKETING & PRINTING						\$193.00		\$1800.00	\$450.00				\$2443.00
COMCAST												\$269.26	\$269.26
-CHRISTMAS TREE EXPENSES											\$1320.00		\$1320.00
PAYROLL	\$1500.00	\$1500.00	\$1500.00	\$1500.00	\$1500.00	\$2250.00	\$1500.00	\$1500.00	\$1500.00	\$1500.00	\$2250.00	\$1500.00	\$19500.00
-WATER & SEWER EXPENSES								\$416.01					\$416.01
-FENCING EXPENSES													
-HONEYSUCKLE CLEARING					\$3200.00								\$3200.00
-LANDSCAPING & GROUNDS	\$350.00			\$5000.00	\$14680.00				\$1200.00		\$1500.00		\$22730.00
JERNEGAN LODGE EXPENSES													
GIFTS													
EAGLE PROJECTS								\$460.00					\$460.00
NATURE PROGRAM										\$300.00			\$300.00
BRICK EXPENSES								\$20.00					\$20.00
TAXES AND FEES AND DUES				\$57.80									\$57.80
MISC. EXPENSES	\$110.00								\$480.89			\$350.00	\$9

Res Budgeting Information 2022

<u>Expenses 2021</u>		<u>2022</u>
Insurance	\$ 7,240.00	\$ 7,300.00
Credit Card	4,432.46	4,500.00
Equip/Main	13,726.40	20,000.00
P.O. Box	118.00	125.00
Utilities	16,941.24	18,000.00
Refunds	1,200.00	1,500.00
Mark/Print	2,443.00	1,500.00
Christ. Trees	1,320.00	2,000.00
Trash	3,428.63	3,500.00
Water/Sewer	416.01	3,000.00
Comcast	269.26	3500.00
Landscape	22,730.00	18,000.00
Honeysuck	3,200.00	2500.00
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Payroll	19,500.00	21,000.00
Gifts		2,000.00
Eagle Proj.	460.00	
Naure Prog.	300.00	
Brick Expen.	20.00	200.00
Taxes/Fees	57.80	2,000.00
Misc. Expen	<u>940.89</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
	\$ 98,743.69	\$ 111,625.00



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