

Membership Committee

Our members keep the camp going with their contributions of time, talent and funds. Current efforts to create a database will improve our communication with each member. Appreciation of Hidden Valley and a commitment to all it offers the community is shared by 127 memberships representing 154 members, including 27 new members in 2021. Contributions from new, renewing and gift memberships- including a new lifetime membership, raised over \$14,500.

Secretary's Annual Report

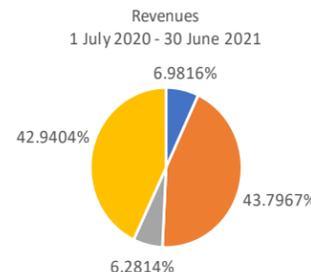
Friends of Hidden Valley met via Zoom throughout the year due to the ongoing coronavirus. The full board met on the third Thursday evening of each month except for November and December. Committee meetings continued to be held during those two months.

Finance Chair Report

Condensed report ; July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. (Full Profit & Loss statement available on website.)

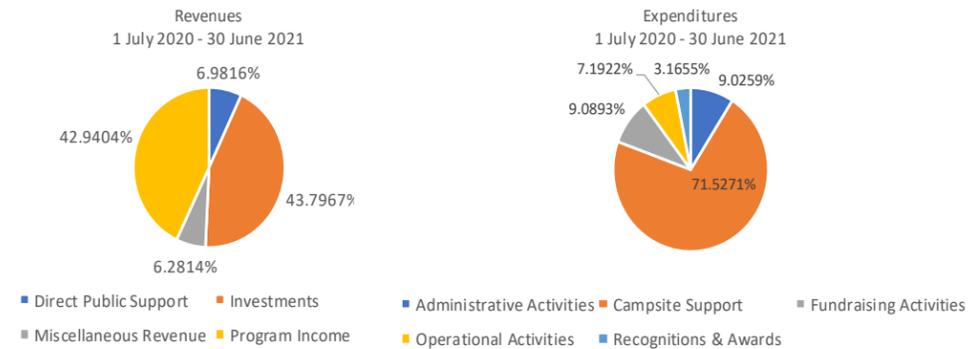
Annual Revenues

Direct Public Support	6.9816%	\$ 2,493.56
Investments	43.7967%	\$ 15,642.56
Miscellaneous Revenue	6.2814%	\$ 2,243.47
Program Income	42.9404%	\$ 15,336.71
Total Revenues		\$ 35,716.30



Annual Expenditures

Administrative Activities	9.0259%	\$ 1,682.91
Campsite Support	71.5271%	\$ 13,336.47
Fundraising Activities	9.0893%	\$ 1,694.73
Operational Activities	7.1922%	\$ 1,341.01
Recognitions & Awards	3.1655%	\$ 590.21
Total Expenditures		\$ 18,645.33



Direct Support reflect donations in terms of the following categories: Memorials, Gifts in Kind (Goods), DCCF Endowment, Parnasus Fund, Investments reflect the following categories: dividends, interest, and realized gains (US Bank, Parnasus Fund & DCCF Endowment), Miscellaneous Revenue reflect the following categories: Dillons Community Rewards, Facebook Fundraisers, Smile Amazon Rewards and other Program Income reflect the following categories: Membership, Brick-to-Brick Campaign, Administrative Activities include items such as annual fees (website, post office box, tax filings, etc) and other operational costs (such as Just Giving processing fees, banks fees, etc). Campsite Support include items for the campsite, vegetation, and volunteer work day activities. Fundraising Activities include items for the Brick-to-Brick Campaign and Southern Shade Fireplace Project. Operational Activities include expenses incurred by the following FHV Committees: Annual Meeting, Fundraising, Membership, Public Relations Recognitions & Awards include activities associated with Marianna Remple Recognitions/Awards, Troop Rewards, and FHV Recognitions/Awards



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www.friendshv.org/membership
www.justgiving.com/friendsofhiddenvalleyinc
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Friends of Hidden Valley, Inc.

Annual Report - July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

The mission of the Friends of Hidden Valley is to provide support to the Lawrence Hidden Valley Committee, Inc. (LHVC), in programs, development, maintenance and goals that promote and benefit the Hidden Valley Camp.

2021 is a year in which it appears not a lot happened; however, behind the scenes there really was so much going on at Hidden Valley. We are working on **updating** our database of members to meet new **technology** needs to better serve our membership. We also developed a technologically better way



for our volunteers to participate in the three workdays using SignUp Genius. All of this has been done while navigating volunteering during the **pandemic** with face masks and social distancing, and waivers and notices, and oh so many things necessary to stay safe and healthy. Members of both Friends of Hidden Valley Board and Lawrence Hidden Valley Committee stepped up to the plate to work to continue to keep Hidden Valley a wonderful environment for all. The biggest visible **change** at Hidden Valley brings to mind the Girl Scout song, *Make New Friends but Keep the Old*. We said good-bye to Durand Reiber who had been the

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Camp Manager for about 20 years as well as the

steadfast chair of our volunteer committee and founding member of Friends of Hidden Valley. She will continue as a member of Friends and volunteer at camp, but will no longer direct and coordinate our volunteer activities. We are forever indebted to

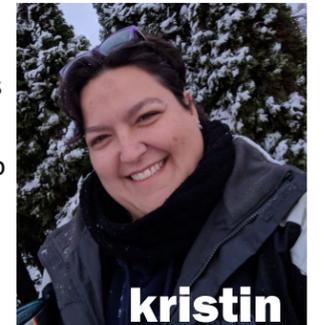
her and continue to value her **commitment** to Hidden Valley.



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We make **new friends** by welcoming our new Camp Manager, Kirstin Suter and new camp Administrative Manager, Ella Spillman. . Kirstin began her tenure as camp manager this summer and has already shown us she has many **new ideas** to keep the camp in wonderful shape. She is putting her Girl Scout background to

use by organizing events at camp to bring out more **Girl Scouts** and educate leaders about the benefits of making Hidden Valley an integral part of their troop's plans. Ella is a senior at KU majoring in Visual Communications and has been a Girl Scout and Hidden Valley fan from age five. Please join us in welcoming these ladies if you see them at camp when you're hiking the **camp**.



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2020-2021 Board of Directors

Cindy Riling, *Chair*, Lisa Barnes, *Vice-Chair*, Jill Baringer, *Secretary*, Lily Yu, *Treasurer*, Melinda Black, Ken Lassman, Karen Lassman, Gwen Macpherson, Mary Murphy, Gayle Sigurdson, Marcia West

Public Relations Committee Report

Public events were limited due to coronavirus guidelines. Trails Day returned in June with guided hikes featuring birds, wildflowers, geology and more. Outreach continued through Facebook and the newsletter-including an issue delivered to neighbors bordering the camp.

Volunteer Committee Report

Chairperson: Gwen Macpherson. **Members:** Melinda Black, Jude Black, Ken Lassman, Marcia West, Jill Baringer in training for September 2021 Workday Coordinator

Workday Coordinators: September 2020, Cindy Riling; November 2020, Cindy Riling and Gwen Macpherson; April 2021, Karen Lassman & Ken Lassman **Bluebird Monitoring:** Jill Baringer **Honeysuckle Warrior Coordinator:** Durand Reiber **Hiking Patrol Coordinator:** Jill Giele **Assistance with Hiker Registrations:** Nancy Jorn

The Volunteer Committee organizes three official workdays (November, April, September) and reports on camp use by the Hiking Patrol (through Jill Giele), other camp walkers through the onsite registration forms, Honeysuckle Warrior efforts (coordinated by Durand Reiber), and bluebird monitoring (by Jill Baringer). We also assist with Trails Day in June.

The September workday (Sept. 12-13, 2020) focused on the area in and around the Cabin including UACT, Memorial Garden, unit-site maintenance, mulching, seed gathering, and installing new bricks on the cabin patio. The cabin chimney was sealed, overhanging branches were cut down, and the skylights were cleaned! As bonuses, Shari Anderson's Troop 1599 gave a presentation about invasive plants as part of their Bronze Award activities, and Eleanor Page and Ellie Trummel (Troop 7610) showed us, as part of their Silver Award activities, the bee condo they built and installed in the Memorial Garden and provided materials to anyone who wanted to build their own mini-bee condo.

The November workday (Nov. 8, 2020) focused on Mary's Meadow and surrounding areas. The wetland/pond received a good cleaning out, and Troops did much unit-site maintenance, clearing bridge debris, picking up trash in the creek, and sanding, cleaning, and painting half of the archery shed, and well as mulching and tending to the new walnut saplings. Wanda Waugh sanded the new rails of the bridge between Mary's Meadow and Rocky Road trail, and MaryBeth Petr sanded and stained the large wooden benches at the Gathering Place.

The April workday (April 17, 2021) focused on the "high" side of the camp, that is, the camp entrance to Flagpole Hill and nearby areas. The entrance signs were repainted, Redbud Shelter was spruced up by cleaning tables and sweeping, weeding the nearby gardens, and removing invasive species, and planting native plants. Older saplings near Osage Orange were tended, and 75 tree saplings and shrubs were planted along the "Rosage" trail. Willows were also planted along the creek bed to reduce erosion, unit site maintenance was completed, trash was removed from Mulberry Creek, and brush was hauled and burned. The Memorial Garden near the Cabin was also tended, and, at the end of the day, the new fireplace at Southern Shade was dedicated and Durand Reiber was honored with a plaque. KU Big Event participation was limited because of COVID-19, but four participants helped with sapling planting; Durand and intern Harry Pressdee did most of the preparatory work for the workday, pulling out tools, water coolers, and hand-washing units.

MaryBeth Petr and Margaret Townsend were first aiders for the workdays, and Margaret Townsend along with Clark Fulton and Jill Baringer, during the November workday, coordinated the ornament making and decorating of the Christmas Tree for the Annual Festival of Tree, with a COVID theme.

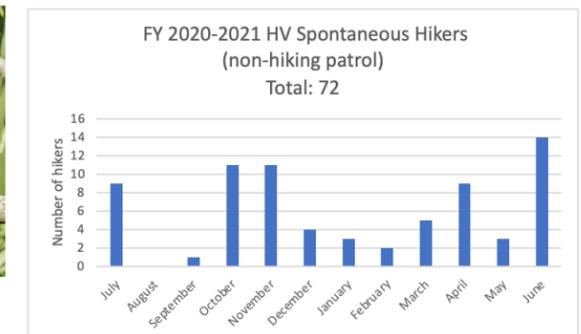
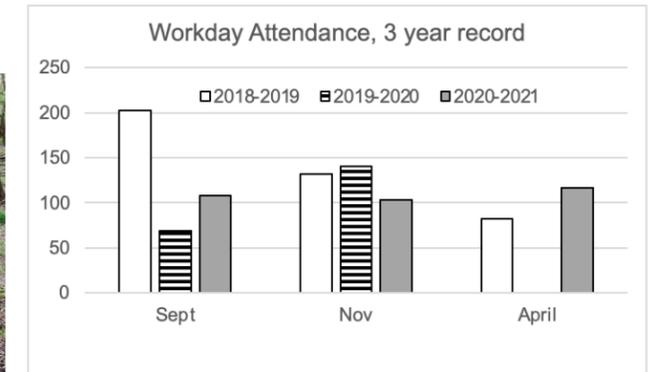
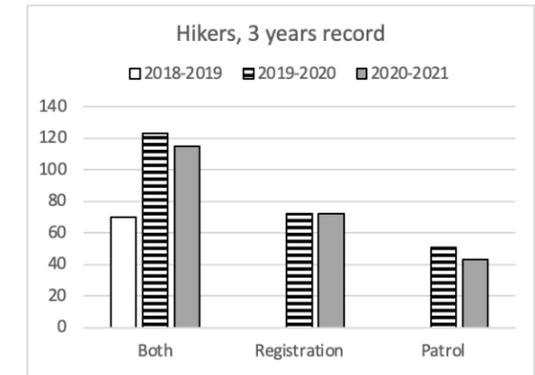
The hiker registration return slot at Evelyn's Attic has been removed, due to rearranging of items inside the building. Hikers should fill out a form at the box located at the gate to Presbyterian Manor. We are working on developing an electronic method of registering for spontaneous hiking, through a QR-code or phone app. One hiking trail has moved because of the installation of the new water line, so please be aware.

At right are graphs comparing this year's camp-use numbers to the past two years, with hikers tallied in the graph on the left and workday attendance in the graph on the right. We are grateful for all the volunteers and hikers who help keep the camp in top shape, and are especially grateful for all the help during this COVID year. We cancelled the April 2020 workday but held all the others. Workdays used staggered arrival times for Scout troops and other volunteers as well as masks to keep us all safe. We restricted some indoor maintenance, as well. Durand Reiber reported 358 hours of work by the Honeysuckle Warriors in 2019-2020; she reported about 200 hours of their effort from December 2020 through April 2021, involving 65 volunteers (that were mostly 5-6 individuals coming repeatedly).



THANKS

to all our volunteers. Hidden Valley Camp is a safe, charming, and beautiful place because of you!



Jill Baringer reported that both the zipline bluebird box and the Flagpole Hill bluebird box had bluebirds nesting in them in Spring 2021!

Recognitions Committee Report

Even with Covid in full swing, Chair Marcia West reported that FHV received four Troop reward applications and one award application. Troop rewards were given to Cadette Troop 5607, Cadette Troop 1599, Ambassador Troop 1915, and the Mariana Remple Recognition Award to Senior Girl Scout Allie White. All of them contributed labor and time to the camp upkeep. In April, we thanked numerous volunteers during National Volunteer Week, Jill Giele and the Hiking Patrol, Durand Reiber and the Honeysuckle Warriors, Douglas County Service Unit 716, Honor Groups from Free State, Lawrence High, and Baldwin High Schools, KU Student Volunteers, and over 100 people who helped at the April work Day. Without their tireless help our camp would not look so good. In June, we featured Jill Baringer, a treasured supporter, on our Fabulous Friends of FHV. See all of these reports and recognitions on our FHV website.