# Meeting Agenda – July 15th, 2025

# 1. Introductions and Friends of Cottage Lake Status

- a) Introductions
- b) Current finances: \$32,605 in the bank
- c) 2025 fundraising: \$31,860 in donations 15 donors, median donation \$260, but a few \$5000+ donors helped boost the total.

# 2. Algae Blooms and Cyanobacteria (blue-green algae):

- a) Friends of Cottage Lake has continued researching solutions to our lake's problems. Reducing phosphorus entering the lake is one of the keys encouraging residents in the watershed to use phosphorus free fertilizer (or not fertilize at all), pick up pet waste, and other behavior changes can help (see page 10 of our Welcome to the Lake booklet on the website for more suggestions).
- b) We are working with Aquatechnex to continue incremental Lanthanum treatments (EutroSORB). The latest treatment was in May (~\$30,000). See the handout for more information.
- c) Continued treatments estimated to cost \$30K-\$50K per year for another 3+ years

# 3. Lake Level:

a) The lake level is controlled by beaver dams. Friends of Cottage Lake worked with Beavers NW to install notch exclusion fences on two of the dams – this is working but requires regular maintenance and the beavers continue to build new dams

## 4. Aquatic weeds:

- a) Cottage Lake has both an invasive weed problem (milfoil and fragrant water lilies) as well as a lot of native weeds
- b) Currently we have no treatment plans, but this needs discussion
- 5. Volunteer Help Needed: Our lake faces numerous challenges, and it will take a collective effort to tackle them. Needed help includes:
  - a) Volunteers to help coordinate mailings and signs for future treatments
  - b) Communication, fundraising, additional events

#### 6. Fundraising:

- a) As mentioned, we need to continue to raise a lot of money to continue the phosphorus treatments
- b) Fundraising concert August 10, noon to 3 pm at Bassetti's Crooked Arbor Garden. The Market Minstrels will perform their sweet tunes in the beautiful setting of Bassetti's garden.

#### 7. Nomination of Board Members

- a) FOCL needs a minimum of 3 board members and has generally had 5 board positions (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and At-large). Board members serve 1 year.
- b) Board positions must be filled by members, and only members can vote for the board; membership dues are \$20/year and are tax deductible
- c) Nominations and voting (members only).



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