

Public Meeting Report April 13, 2024

Called to Order at 2:00 PM

5 Visitors in Attendance. No public officials present. Staff in attendance were Steve Sitton, Katie Hastert, Joe Boeckholt, Liza Davis, Alex Solorzano, Theresa Howard, Dustin Webb & Amanda Gray (North Region), Lisa Butler (Business Services), Ranger Todd Bryant.

Site Administrator Steve Sitton began the meeting by thanking everyone for coming, and explaining the need for public meetings by DSP.

Steve then went over some of the accomplishments from the past year (see attached). Questions concerned school group visits, upgrades to PastPerfect, funding cuts to seasonal hours & reductions to tour hours.

Further details were then given for a few of the proposed projects for next year (see attached). Questions concerned Benton's birthday celebration (135 years old on 4/15), funding for projects

President of the Friends of the Benton Home, Ethan Starr, discussed efforts to re-activate the group.

Meeting adjourned approx. 2:25 PM. An Open House had been occurring all day of the home and studio. All the meeting visitors participated in that. The Accomplishments/Projects handout was distributed to all 60 site visitors today.

Only 1 written comments/suggestions sheet received so far (see attached).