



Four Lakes Group
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Sierra Club - Four Lakes Group

- Over 5,500 members in 9 Counties of South Central Wisconsin: Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Lafayette, Rock and Sauk.



2020 Sierra Club Foundation Report - Four Lakes Group

The Four Lakes Group had an active year despite the pandemic and having all in person activities including outings, meetings, and educational events cancelled.

Transitioning Transportation: Right before the shut down, the Four Lakes group hosted a “Transitioning Transportation” workshop to examine what access and equity meant to people in the community and how we might do things differently. The results from the workshop are still informing our work in the Equity and Access Project.

Equity and Access Project: The Four Lakes Group members and supporters invested both their volunteer time and funds in creating a project around access and equity - specifically to raise awareness and action around parks, trails, mobility, and access.

Funds were used to pay for a project coordinator to help organize the project and to identify, recruit, and reach out to volunteers for the project. As the year came to an end, plans were being laid to host a local “cafe” to learn about inclusive playgrounds.

We also knew that there would be an opportunity around the redesign of the Madison Metro system. Dane County Parks had included a discussion and map of access to its park properties in the last 5 year plan. The Four Lakes Group supported this as a part of the plan and started working with the county in 2020 to collaborate on input to the bus redesign process.

YWCA 2020 racism conference: In 2020, as a part of reaching out to the YWCA to learn more about their work on transportation access to jobs and safe transportation, the Four Lakes group decided to become a sponsor of their annual racism conference. As a part of this commitment, several members of the Executive Committee attended the conference.

Power Shift: The Four Lakes Group sponsored two local young people to attend the 2020 Power Shift gathering.

Climate Change: At the Wisconsin Academy’s conference on climate change, the Four Lakes Group’s display and volunteers talked about the importance of addressing transportation (reducing vehicle miles traveled & public transit), the need to preserve, enhance, and recognize

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the value and contribution of green infrastructure, and the need to transition to clean energy sources.

On behalf of all the members and volunteers of the Sierra Club Four Lakes Group, we thank all of our generous donors. You contribute directly to our local efforts like those listed above.

It inspires us to work harder to mobilize more of our members and volunteers to be active on local conservation issues and to enjoy our local natural resources, getting more people out to the parks, on the trails, and on the water.

Below is a summary of the Four Lakes Group's financial information for 2020 (unaudited).

SC Foundation Account - Four Lakes Group			
EXPENSES for 2020 - Cash Basis			
Programmatic:			
	Equity and Access project	✓	\$1,576.36
	Climate Change - WI Academy		\$607.14
	Power Shift - youth sponsor		\$105.00
	Transitioning Transportation		\$85.21
	YWCA racism conference 2020		\$1,000.00
Educational:			
	Newsletter		\$427.43
Outings:			
	Storage of outdoor equipment		\$1,284.00
Operational:			
		✓	\$1,088.22
TOTAL C3 expenses for 2020			\$6,173.36

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact Liz Wessel, co-treasurer of the Four Lakes Group. Liz Wessel - 608-238-9934 or lizard59sc@yahoo.com.

With gratitude on behalf of our members,

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