



**The August 11, 2023 meeting of the Board of Directors of the *Friends of Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park Association, Inc.*** started at 10:00 a.m. in Day Use area of park. In attendance were: Karen Roberson, Lesley Wing, Ron McMullin, Deb Gray and Midge McGinnis. Steve Kennerly was not available. Also in attendance was Mike Burke and Deb Cotterall.

## **AGENDA**

### **Orchard Updates**

Rene was not available so no updates

### **School Updates**

Steve was not available, however, Ron met with him and was able to give some updates.

- The outcome of the meeting with Jason regarding the interior school paint vs. shellac is that we need to use paint on everything except the flooring (which can be shellac).
- A drain is really needed under the downspout as rain is going down along the foundation and the building is shifting. An estimate from contractors to do this (including moving the downspout was prohibitively expensive - \$941). Other ideas included asking if county will dig a drain ditch away from building, using some leftover drain pipe and/or apron to run drainage away from building, purchasing stone drainage apron and we place it. Possibly reinstalling the bracing beam on inside of building to stop further movement. It appears foundation is holding up, it is the actual building that is twisting as witnessed by gaps in window frames and doors sticking.
- Karen R. will give Tom R. a call to see what his recommendation might be.
- Building really needs exterior painting. Ron is planning on seeing if he can obtain some donated paint. Karen R has a 5-gallon tub of the paint used last time.
- Karen has a painter coming to her house and will ask them to take a look at the school and give us their professional advice. Ideally we would love to find someone who would paint the house gratuitously with us supplying the paint.

### **Lois Memorial**

Idea suggested to plant a tree in orchard in memory of Lois. Deb G. will ask Rene her thoughts regarding the feasibility of getting a graft to put on one of the existing trees.

Bench was discussed, however, with the hassle the county gave us on some of our other benches, we want to avoid that idea.

### **Benches**

Not sure if Celia's replacement is completed. Lesley will check on status. Mike has volunteered to pick it up. Idea of Gorilla gluing this one (in addition to screws) was unanimously agreed to! Ron will remove the old screws to reuse.

### **Painting of School**

Refer to school notes above.

### **Doris Chen Presentation**

Doris has come up with fundraising ideas and has a wonderful 'let's go attitude!' See more below regarding fundraising.

### **Trail Marking**

Not finalized, but OET (Oregon Equestrian Trails) has plans to replace the trail signs. Ron has picked up the stencils for painting the trees from Midge's barn and he will do this when weather cools down. Lesley has volunteered to assist (it is easier with two people..one to hold stencil and other to spray the paint).

Deb Cotteral joined us today. She is with newly started equestrian group in Roseburg Area (40 Somethings). The status of trails was discussed with Deb supplying some info regarding status of trails and location of major issues. In the past between OET's annual clearing efforts and Friends 'Trail Dash' events, the trails were in better condition. OET formerly had Norma Talburt's off road equipment to help, however, she is not able to do this anymore. Also, the Friends' Trail Dashes are no longer being done. It was also noticed that trails were not cleared prior to a poker ride (which in the past was usually done) Outcome is some very badly overgrown trails.

Thoughts about what to do:

- Workparties
- Hiring professional contractor
- Phoenix School?
- Wolf Creek?

Ron is going to contact cattle lessor (Sam Campbell) to see if they have any interest in attacking some of the trails (we would probably have to help with fuel costs). We would also have to decide which trails are most 'needy'. This, of course, would have to happen after fire restrictions are lifted but before major rains have taken place.

### **Financial Report**

Need some fundraisers! (See below for discussion on this). We have slightly over \$6,000 in bank and with reoccurring expenses (insurance, taxes, P. O. box, etc.) and low memberships, we need to be careful as to what we commit to.

### **Additional Items not on Agenda**

#### **Vintage Street Fair (8/25/) in Oakland**

We are planning on sharing a booth with OED. Karen will have her adorable sheep there. Ron picked up raffle tickets and banner from the 'McGinnis barn' ☺. Ron has a bench to use for raffle prize. \$2 a ticket or 3 for \$5. Karen and Deb are hoping to have info about an upcoming fundraiser at the Secret Wine Society in October.

### **Fundraising Event**

Secret Wine Society is going to be hosting a fundraiser BBQ (10/21/23). Karen is supplying the lamb. Will be charging \$30 a ticket which gets you the 'dinner plate', Friends membership and raffle ticket for a 'Ron Built Bench' Discussed whether we should also include a 'gift', coffee mug, t-shirt, water bottle??? Karen feels selling 100 tickets should be doable. Sutherlin Chamber of Commerce will be sending information to their mailing list, we will be sending to our members and Robert and Doris have distribution lists.

Karen has put together a 'to do' checklist that we will be passing around so that we can check off what we can do. Suggestion made to put it out on or Goggle Cloud. Midge can then give access to our board members. She just needs a gmail account from each of the board members. Worst case is Midge handles the 'master' list sends a copy to board members to check off...she then will consolidate answers on master list (downside is that you won't be able to see what others have already checked off!!) Need to use Goggle Cloud folks!.

Other fundraiser ideas included...regular events at the park ..bird watchers (Matt Hunter?), hikers, apple picking for kids (Rene?)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Vintage Street Fair** - August 25<sup>th</sup>

**Adopt A Highway** – 9/18/23

**Secret Wine Society Fundraiser** – 10/21/23

## **NEXT MEETING**

September 8 – 10 a.m. Day Use Area

**Meeting Adjourned approximately 11:30 a.m.**