



The meeting of the Board of Directors of the *Friends of Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park Association, Inc.*) was called to order at 10:00 a.m., March 25th, 2011 in the Lane House Annex. Present were board members John Robertson, Midge McGinnis, Deb Gray, Karen Roberson, Debbie Levings and Leslye Wing. Steve Kennerly was absent. Also present were Celia Scott and Ray Jensen.

OLD BUSINESS

School House Restoration

Steve was not present due to illness, however, he reported to John Robertson via phone that he is still trying to get the general contractor and the contractor who is going to raise the building together. Once that has been done, a meeting will be scheduled with these contractors and the board members to review the plan. Karen will keep in touch with Steve and help as much as possible.

Mildred's Trail Dash – July 9th

Leslye is moving right along with plans for our annual run.

We can begin soliciting donors. The Letter of Request is on our web site. We have three major sponsors who will appear on the poster that is being done by Creative Images.

Discussed whether we should just raise the cost of pre-registration to \$20 and include a t-shirt. All agreed that this would be fine. Leslye will need to update the two documents on the web page that show \$10 for registration and \$10 for t-shirt. (Fundraiser info and sign up form).

We did not make the Oregon Economic Development's annual event listing, but Deb Gray is going to contact them to make sure our Dash is on the web site.

We need a publicity team...Debbie Levings said she'd help, but we didn't get a lot of volunteers on this one.

Insurance form. Leslye brought the form and Celia volunteered to stop by the Parks department to drop it off.

“Road ID” – Leslye has a brochure from a company named Road ID. Apparently they make identification tags for runners, hikers, etc., to where with emergency contact info on them. Have heard they might supply samples or other ‘goodies’...Leslye has it on her to do list to contact them them.

PayPal for Run – We’d like to see this option available, however, Leslye will need to figure out how to best set it up so that users can sign up and pay, and get all the information we need. May end up having to have PayPal people sign releases at the run (which will mean a bit more of a ‘rush’ at sign in).

Discussed number of volunteers needed:

Sign-up – 2-3

Gate Keeper – 1

Water Station – 2

Silent Auction – 1

Assistant to Mike at Finish Line – 1

Minimum of 7. More would be nicer. Ray Jensen has volunteered to help out. Midge and Leslye will definitely be there. If others are definitely going to be able to help, please let Leslye know.

It was discussed that Craig Reed (writer that did recent Park article) and Rick Dancer (former newscaster) are both runners. We’d like to get in touch with them and offer a free entry in exchange for publicity. Debbie to try and contact?

Purchase of Orchard Trees from Gregory Flick

Lots of discussion on what we’d like done with the orchard. Agreed that Celia should contact Gregory and have him set aside 6 – 10 of his stock (\$5 each). We don’t want until next fall, however, since it’s too late to plant. Tree Magic mentioned by Leslye as a company that does a good job of trimming LARGE trees. Celia is going to contact them. Karen suggested that if Tree Magic will trim up the orchard trees for free, she’ll hire him to do some of the oaks on their place.

Suggested that a committee be formed to review what is currently in the orchard (we have an orchard plan that Lois did, Midge probably has a copy if Celia doesn’t find one). Celia believes Gregory Flick would probably help us with determining which trees are still alive and worth saving. Also discussed having the parks department use heavy equipment to pull out and remove the totally dead trees in the orchard. No one felt that we should expand the orchard. More interest in saving the trees that are there and replacing some of the missing ones.

Debbie also knows someone who loves to do tree trimming who might be interested in helping.

Need to be careful as the trees are horribly overgrown and it would be dangerous to have someone using ladders to trim. Also, we've been told that trying to do major trimming would probably kill the trees. Best we can hope for is to remove dead limbs.

Other Updates

Recent **OET/Friends trail cleanup** done. Leslye, Midge and Leslye's husband, Tom, cleared one trail and got some more of the downed barb wire and fencing pulled up and put in rolls. Also put as much of it as possible in trailer and hauled away.

Ray Jensen mentioned that there is more barb wire up in the hiking trail area.

Day use signs – still being worked on. Creative Images can print them on waterproof vinyl. Still need to decide on the mounting surface...Plexiglas (Creative Images has), stainless steel, powder coated metal. We'll make decisions on that later.

New Business – Other Topics

Peacocks - Ray mentioned that the peacocks are really getting out of hand. Karen agreed that they are pushy and dangerous to children. While removing them totally is not an option (and probably would be a disappointment to visitors), all agreed it would be nice to 'relocate' a bunch of them. (See meeting with John and Jim Dowd).

Hiking Trail Benches – Ray gave an update on the progress being made on the benches for the hiking and nature trails. Wolf Creek Job Corps comes to the rescue again! They are constructing the benches and will be placing them. Ray is planning on using a rock base for them. Two for each trail. A plaque is being done up to give credit to Wolf Creek, Umpqua Hiking and in Memory of Richard Sommers (whose donation is responsible for this project being done).

Hiking Trail Signs – They are in place. Two of them mysteriously disappeared. Park Department will make a couple of new ones. – Umpqua Hiking Group responsible for getting this done.

Chuck Leaving – Caretaker, Chuck, will be leaving in June. We've been told that they will be looking for a replacement (non-paid, of course). Debbie Leavings knows someone who would be a wonderful fit. Suggested that she mention it to this person and have them stop by the park office and see if it's still open and he could be considered (if he wants it that is!)

Duchess Horse Sanctuary – Kathleen Strek – Leslye ran into the director of the Duchess Horse Sanctuary at the recent Equine Expo in Albany. She mentioned that she really wanted to get the fence line replaced between their property and the park. This is totally out of our control. If any of us are contacted, please refer her to Jim Dowd.

Visitors Guide Ad

Park recently got a request from *News Review* to place an ad in their annual *Visitors Guide*, Friends was copied on it. Park doesn't have funds available and neither do we.

Publicity

Debbie has volunteered to put together a publicity plan for us. She'll have it ready for next meeting.

Meeting with Jim Dowd

It's been a very long time since we've had a one-on-one meeting with Jim Dowd. John will try to set something up. Midge will also try to attend with him. Topics to include Peacocks. Probably should also discuss dairy barn, caretaker, orchard.

Next Meeting will be on **April 29, 2011** at Lane House Annex in Roseburg at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 noon.

IMPORTANT DATES

April 9, 2011 – 9:30 a.m. – Hiking Trail clean up in coordination with Hiking and Native Plant Groups

April 23, 2011 – Earth Day

July 9, 2011 – 8 a.m. – Mildred's Trail Dash