



The meeting of the Board of Directors of the *Friends of Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park Association, Inc.* was called to order at 10:15 a.m. on Friday, February 17, 2012 in the Lane House Annex. Present were board members Midge McGinnis, Debbie Levings, Celia Scott, Steve Kennerly and Karen Roberson. Mike Burke was also present. Jennifer Kunz, Ranch Manager for the Duchess Sanctuary in Oakland came and became a member.

AGENDA ITEMS

Minutes of Last Meeting & Treasurer's Report - No questions on minutes or treasurer's report.

Vote – Steve Kennerly – Board Member – Vote taken (including 2 absentee votes) unanimously passed. Steve is a board member again! Welcome back Steve!

Annual Meeting - Annual meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 10, 2012 at the Gristmill Café in Oakland, Oregon. Lunch at 12, meeting to begin at 1 p.m. Must be out of café by 3 p.m. when they close.

- Midge will send invites to all members with email addresses next week. She will be asking for RSVP's both for the meeting and lunch so that we can give the Gristmill an idea of number of people to expect.
- Agenda will include:
 - Short talk by Jim Long on Bio-Char
 - Report outs from the following individuals
 - Midge – Treasurer's report
 - Mike B – Apple orchard – trees they are nurturing
 - Debbie – Grant writing update
 - Steve/Karen – School House update
 - Other business as needed
- Midge will also see if Leslye has any objections to putting the sign boards we're working on up on a poster board for people to look at. Nothing fancy...just the 8x11 print outs we have put neatly on a poster board.
- Midge will print off some pictures of the school house (past/present/today) along with the neat photo Steve found of the inside of a school house. She'll then put those on a poster board, too, for display at meeting.

Tasks/Hour Tracking – Annually Midge asks for board members to give an estimate of the number of hours we put in for our taxes. This is rather painful. Debbie Levings suggested a form that everyone fills out every meeting to turn in. This information is very important when writing grants. We passed out the form and Midge has also sent via email a blank form to all board members. We'll try and set aside a few minutes every meeting so everyone can jot down what they might have done since the previous meeting and time spent.

Douglas County Parks Board Meeting – Since Doug Robertson was on their agenda, Midge made a point to attend this board meeting. Mr. Robertson seems to be very supportive of the parks. Big news is Jim Dowd will be leaving as of the 30th of March. They discussed the replacement of Jim, but since it is still not officially approved, this information will not be included in these minutes. It is very likely that at the next park meeting the 'new person' will be present. Hopefully, a few of us will be able to attend so that we can introduce ourselves! We also talked about getting the new person out to see the trails up in the equestrian area once the weather is better. Sadly Lois Eagleton no longer has two horses, so the best means of 'giving a tour' are gone. Jennifer Kunz, ranch manager of The Duchess Sanctuary was present and she volunteered a 4 wheeler to give a tour with!

Park board seems to be VERY supportive of our group. Spent some time discussing ideas for bringing new visitors to the park and new uses. (more on that below). They also gave me some leads for roofer's that I've followed up on and perhaps Steve can get them to come out and do a bid on the school house roof. Jennifer (Duchess Sanctuary) also had a name for us. We only have one bid right now, so more would be greatly appreciated. Also while talking to one of the roof leads, got the name and phone number for a newscaster who does regular broadcasts "Inside Douglas County". Gave that info to our PR person (Debbie) to follow up on.

MISCELLANEOUS

School House Roof – Midge had the opportunity during the Douglas County Parks Board meeting to ask Jim Dowd if anyone in their organization could do some temporary repairs to roof (even if it's 'Oregon Roofing'). Mentioned that Karen R had probably contacted him about it. Turns out Karen and Steve, both have mentioned it to Jim Dowd. Jennifer Kunz has volunteered her ranch hands to help either nail some 2x4's on the roof to hold it down or put a tarp up. Karen has some 2x4's to donate. She will get the 2x4's over to the school and then contact Jim Dowd to see what the chances of having some park crew/maintenance crew nail the boards on the roof.

School Desks – Thanks to Karen's generosity, we now have some school desks/chairs in storage for the day when we can actually place them inside the English Settlement School! Thank you Karen and Steve.

School House Windows – Celia sent an email to a contact she has on window restoration. Celia took a class quite some time ago and perhaps this person will be interested in helping us. Steve has also been searching around to find someone to do the window restorations.

Trail Assessment Project – Midge passed Leslye’s Trail Assessment plan around at meeting and brought them up to date on what we’re hoping to do with this. Leslye will be attending the OET Work Party on the 10th so will not make our annual meeting.

Drumming up Business – At the Parks meeting, a brief discussion over how to drum up more users for the park took place. Ideas were tossed around...dog agility, school children, Boy Scouts, etc. Decision was made that everyone should try and come up with about 10 ideas each. Get contact address and Midge will send a brochure and letter to them suggesting that they give the Park consideration for their event.

Day Use Signs - Midge brought newest drafts of signs from Leslye to pass around. Karen still is planning to get Leslye some ‘stats’ for the Sheep Shed sign. Leslye was not real happy with the floor plan we currently have for the Sheep Shed (it was hand done by Steve but the others were computer generated, so it does not look the same.) Midge said she’d check with George to see if he still has CADS on his computer and if he could do a computer generated one. (he doesn’t, but Midge has ‘Visio’ which does floor plans, so she’ll take a stab at it to see if she can get one that looks more like the other ones.)

EVENT DATES

March 10, 2012	Annual Meeting
July 7, 2012	Mildred’s Trail Dash

NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting will be the annual meeting on **March 10th, 2012** at the Gristmill Café. Lunch, if desired, can be purchased at noon. Meeting to begin at 1 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m.