



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. on Friday, May 4, 2012 in the Lane House Annex. Present were board members John Robertson, Midge McGinnis, Debbie Levings, Celia Scott, Steve Kennerly, Leslye Wing and Karen Roberson. Mike Burke was also present. Deb Gray was unable to attend.

AGENDA ITEMS

Minutes of Last Meeting & Treasurer's Report - Leslye noted that the minutes Midge brought were not the most recent. Most recent are on our web page. Midge will print from web and insert those minutes into our binder of minutes. No Treasurer's report as Midge did not have a current Bank Statement. However, we currently have \$5,416.98 in our bank account (this includes the \$500 grant for signs).

Plan for Park (Timber/Trail, etc.) – Mike reviewed what he has put together so far and we all agreed to pull together a list like Leslye presented (see below) and send it to Mike with a copy to rest of board members (Midge will see that John gets copies). Mike's suggestion for a game plan is that we obtain a large map of the park that we can mark up. Get all our thoughts together, work with OET and the hiking groups to make sure we get their input and then present it to Gary Groth.

Leslye's 'wish list' is a great start for all of us:

- No extra roads made thru the park
- Hawthorne removed
- No logging (with exception below)
- Wants to see the park remain as it is because no other old growth/mature forests exist that equestrian (and hikers) can ride/hike thru.
- Would be willing to sacrifice a conifer tree harvest, ONLY if all the invasive hawthorns are removed from the meadows, and the oak forests are maintained (no removal of oaks).
- Keep the equestrian area in ranch mode with cows remaining and limiting native plant planting only in the day use area, hiking and nature trail areas.
- Make Red Trail a double track, wide enough for people who want to drive horse/buggies thru. Create a carriage track from day-use area to the schoolhouse. Leave other trails single track.

Question was asked if anyone had heard anything from OET. Nothing directly from Roseburg OET... heard from one member who questions that logging will create a healthier forest and inhibit invasives; money generated by eviscerating the heart of Mildred's Park may be squandered by bureaucracy; concern that once the trust is dissolved that entire park can be closed and/or equestrian use is in jeopardy. Leslye commented on response from Eugene OET: Beware. Mt. Pisgah/Buford Park was originally donated to be kept as a ranch. Now equestrian usage is limited and cows have been removed.

Midge had informed ODS (Oregon Dressage Society) of the upcoming Trust change. No comments back from them.

Group discussed the feasibility of really being able to bring in enough funds from logging to cover expenses at the park. From what we know, there is not enough timber in the park to fund park expenses, even if all the timber was logged.

Need other sources of income. Discussed camping and are in agreement that we think a dry camping area in the equestrian area with a minimum number of sites with small corrals would bring in revenue and users from further away. Tent camping was also discussed, perhaps over the bridge from the day use area. No full hookups anywhere.

Mildred's Trail Dash – Leslye passed out posters for us to post around, gave us donor forms to obtain some more sponsors/donors. We asked Steve if he'd approach Dutch Brothers for another round of cups, coupons, etc. Those were great last year. Leslye has passed out donor requests to a number of businesses. She added Bailey's Vet Clinic to this year's request. Midge obtained \$150 sponsorship from her employer (NXP Semiconductors). Karen is going to get sponsorships from her employer again this year, too.

Midge is going to ask Lois if we can borrow her water jugs again as well as lending hers to group for the day. Not going to get them from McDonalds this year as we really didn't need that much water. We checked our supply of cups and we don't really need more of them from McDonalds this year either.

Leslye is trying to get that large blackboard from the former owners of the Yoncalla Feed store. We're hoping they still have it and would be willing to lend it to us and maybe even donate it to us. Fingers crossed.

Karen will see about lining up an EMT.

We will not do the Silent Auction this year. Did not bring in enough revenue to make it worth the effort. Raffles will depend on the number of 'goodies' we get for donations.

Web site is ready for registrations!

Grant Progress – KUDO’s to Debbie, not only did she obtain that \$500 sign grant, but she has now sent off a Grant request to Oregon Heritage Comm. Preserve Oregon Grant in the amount of \$7,545 for roof, ceiling, windows, front door. (This is a matching grant.. request is 50% of the total funds needed for the work).

She has a list of other grants that she will be applying for and passed out a spreadsheet to all of us with the list. (if you didn’t pick one up and want one, let Midge know and she’ll scan you a copy)

(Debbie to electronically send Midge a copy of the Oregon Heritage submission for our ‘Annex files’.)

School House Desks – John received a call a week or so ago regarding a number of school house desks and our potential interest. Steve has contacted the owner (Tom Wooley). Apparently, there are over 30 desks in his barn. Looking at the picture of an old one room school house it appears there were only about 10-15 in the picture...so we don’t need 30. Steve, Celia and Mike will make an appointment to go look them over, see which ones would be from the right era and find out if the owner would donate them to us and if not, how much he is asking for them.

School House – No updates

Day Use Signs – Karen gave Leslye more ‘neat sheep tidbits’ to put on the sheep shed sign. This was the last one needing to be created. We’ve pretty much decided to go with Creative Images for their vinyl signs and have them mounted on metal. Creative Images suggested we could obtain the metal from another source to help keep our costs down. We think we can obtain the metal from another source and we would have Creative Images mount the vinyl on them for us. Before we purchase, we’ll approach Gary Groth to see what the parks department might be able to do to help us get them installed at the park. We’d like to use some of those logs we had donated to us that are sitting in the Underwood Barn if possible. Other bid we received was from Fossil Graphics (who did our maps).

AGENDA ITEMS ADDED PRIOR TO MEETING:

Bird Boxes – Time for a Bath – Group doing bird box mounting (Umpqua Watershed, Audubon Society, Oakland Schools) – has requested that the bird boxes be cleaned prior to the 14th as they are covered with bird and animal droppings, webs, spiders, snakes, dust, etc. and for safety of young people working with them they’d like them cleaned. Karen, Steve, Celia and Mike have volunteered to get the dirty deed done on Sunday. They’ll meet at the day use horse barn on Sunday at 1 p.m., load the boxes into Karen’s truck, power wash/bleach them and put them back in the horse barn.

Oakland Open Air Market and Community Garden – Celia presented a proposal that we take advantage of the ‘free booth’ area at the Oakland Open Air Market and put up a booth for the park. She was hoping to sell Lois’ book (Midge does not think she has

anymore and that now they can only be ordered from Amazon), our T-Shirts (only about 7-8 of them left with no plans to reorder), plants, etc. Unfortunately, this would require volunteers every Saturday during the summer. None of us could commit to this. Celia really would like to give it a try, so we lent her the canopy, turned over the handful of t-shirts we have left and wished her good luck! (she also has the banner, brochures and membership forms from Earth Day...so she's all set). Really didn't get time to discuss the Community Garden.

MISCELLANEOUS

Clay PAB nominee – It was mentioned both at our board meeting by Joe L and again at the Parks Board meeting that they may consider either filling future vacant board slot or adding a new board member to their group from *The Friends* group. Karen's husband, Clay, has 'volunteered'. Karen will confirm this in writing and Midge will officially send a note to Joe L and Gary G.

Meeting with Gary Groth – We'd like to have a one-on-one meeting with Gary, however, it was decided to just wait until we're either ready to talk to him about the signs, park plan or some other issue vs. just meeting with no real agenda.

Mildred's Will – Steve had a complete copy of Mildred's will (Lois book had a portion and Midge could not find any full copy anywhere in the CD's or papers she got from Lois). Midge took this copy and has scanned a copy of it and emailed it to all board members (she will mail John's). Steve's original will reside at the Annex in our file cabinet. THANK you Steve!

School House Keys – Steve lent Debbie Levings his set of school house keys (which he got from Karen). Debbie is going to get a set made for herself so that she can get into the area with people she is working with on grants and bids. Katrena has been advised that we are doing this.

Trust – We understand that a letter has been sent to the Attorney General. We'd love to get a copy of it. Debbie will see if she can get it for us.

We've received a request asking us to give out copies of documents we received from Park Department. Those in the discussion were in agreement that if anyone wants copies of documents the parks department has shared with us, they need to go to the Parks Department and ask for them. If Parks department gives us green light to share, then suggestion is to post on our web site.

Park Department Board Meeting – Debbie Levings attended the last Parks Board meeting. She brought to their attention that our group has not only put in quite a large number of volunteer hours, but also a substantial amount of money in the form of grants. She also told them of the grants she is currently working on. Jim Patterson has asked Debbie if she would be willing to work with him on obtaining some grants available to

parks (Debbie will contact him after the 18th of May as she has some deadlines on grants to make before starting any new ones).

Earth Day – Big thanks to Celia, Debbie, Mike and Karen for handling Earth Day in Deb’s absence this year!

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY – Reminder...first clean up day is Monday, May 21st!

EVENT DATES

May 21, 2012	FIRST Adopt-A-Highway clean up day!
July 7, 2012	Mildred’s Trail Dash

NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting will be on **June 1, 2012** at Lane House Annex at 10 a.m..

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 noon.