



The meeting of the Board of Directors of the *Friends of Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park Association, Inc.*) was called to order at 10:05 a.m. on Friday, August 17, 2012 in the Lane House Annex. Present were board members John Robertson, Karen Roberson, Celia Scott, Deb Gray, Midge McGinnis and Debbie Levings. Leslye Wing and Steve Kennerly were unable to attend. Also present were Mike Burke, Gary Groth and Veronica vanDrimmelen.

Welcome

Gary Groth, Park Director attended today's meeting and brought their new administrative support – Veronica VanDrimmelen. Veronica replaced Katrena in early July. WELCOME Veronica!

Trust and Grant

Gary came to our meeting to not only introduce Veronica to us, but also to bring us up-to-date on the Trust Termination and an RAC Grant that he has applied for.

The Termination of Trust has been approved and Stephen Mountainspring has filed a General Judgment with the Douglas County Circuit Court. Gary has forwarded this judgment as well as a currently unsigned/unfiled Bargain and Sale Deed to us and we will have this posted on our web site shortly.

- The County still has to follow Mildred Kanipe's will request
- \$120,000 comes with the trust

RAC Grant. Gary has submitted a grant for \$60,000 for invasive weed eradication at the park. If he is successful in getting the grant, work should begin next year. He also shared a map of the areas planned for weed control. Midge will ask Leslye if she can post this somewhere on our website, too.

Park Plan

Gary is hoping to pull together an interested group of users to review a previous park plan and hopefully finalize a long term plan for the park. He was hoping to obtain a student from Oregon State to be a mediator, but unfortunately, they are not interested as they feel it is too far away. Gary will continue to research finding a mediator. In the meantime, he has asked our assistance in pulling together a listing of interested parties that may be

called upon to be part of a task team. Midge is starting the list and will obtain additional info from other board members prior to sending it on to Gary within the next few weeks.

Big thanks to Gary for taking time out of his busy schedule to stop by our meeting and personally bring us up to date.

AGENDA ITEMS

Newsletter

Midge has drafted a newsletter to be distributed. This was emailed to board members and given to John to review. Need more detailed information from Debbie Levings on the School House window project. As soon as she has this, she can work with Leslye to get it ready for distribution.

Dakota Pizza Fund Raiser

As mentioned in a previous board meeting, Steve Kennerly stumbled on a great fund raising opportunity. Dakota Pizza in Sutherlin will donate ½ of proceeds to non-profit organizations (on a specific date, with a flyer presented). Our 'date' was on August 7th. Approximately \$130-\$150 was raised (sorry, I forget the exact amount Steve told me!) Everyone felt this was really quite good and we are interested in doing it again. We've learned some lessons...have the flyers going out closer to the date...make more use of distributing them around workplaces. Deb Gray mentioned that she dropped some left overs at a local motel on way home...GREAT opportunity as they can hand them out to people as they register.

Trail Dash Results

As most all of us are aware, even with lower attendance, we managed to make a profit of \$1,327.16...not bad! Midge as asked how this compared to previous runs...she did not know off the top of her head...but here's the stats: 2010 - \$1,610.03; 2011 - \$1,516.64. So we did not make as much as in past years, but we had about 20 more runners in 2010 and 2011 than 2012. Also, in both previous years, we actually made a tiny amount of money on the t-shirts, in 2012, we charged 'cost'.

School House Window Project

The windows are OUT! Amy McCauley removed them on Thursday, July 26th and a small pot luck was held in the afternoon. Amy graciously took time to 'educate' those present about her work and the windows. She was also taken over to Mildred's house in the Day Use area and was very excited about seeing the house and windows there.

Karen voiced concern that the press board was not put back up after windows were removed. The plastic sheeting is still up and we are doing a wait and see as to when Amy

can return the windows. If it looks like it's going to be too close to the start of bad weather, we'll put the boards back up.

Karen also voiced a real concern (that many of us share!). Once windows are returned, how do we prevent vandalism! Suggestion was made to have shutters put up. Debbie Levings is going to check into this so that we do not jeopardize our grant. We cannot do anything that is not historically accurate...but we all feel that this is something that has probably come up before...and even removable shutters would be preferred over having the windows shot out! Question also came up as to whether or not there might have been shutters...Midge looked at old pictures and nothing in them show shutters.

Side note...Amy was on KVAL TV last week. There was a short special on her and the Cottage Grove Armory. This supposedly can be viewed on line. If someone finds it, please pass the website on to the rest of us.

Grant funds...Midge has forwarded the check copy and bank statement to Debbie so that she can apply for reimbursement from our grant.

Miscellaneous

Pictures to Gary Groth – Gary had requested copies of pictures we might have of the park. Thanks to Lois, Midge had hundreds! Midge put them on a flash drive and delivered them to Gary.

Updates on Trust – see above

National Public Radio – Karen informed us about a 'blog' that we can submit a picture and brief 'article' to on NPR. Karen and Debbie will put together the 100 word (or less) text and Midge will try and put 3-4 pictures into one. They only allow one picture and we'd really like to put a few. (Note: I was able to put 4 into one .pdf document, don't know if they'll accept that). Topic will be on our efforts to restore the school house in bad times.

KUDO's to Sponsors of Trail Dash

Ooops, this fell thru the cracks...while individual thank you letters went to every sponsor, nothing was ever submitted to News & Review for a KUDO. Midge will do so (done on 8/18). Can't list all our sponsors in it though .. limit of 10 and we had 14 ☹. Deb Gray suggested that like in a previous year, that when we do a poster, we put sponsors names on it. Timing is an issue there...but we can give it a shot. Unfortunately, to thank sponsors in the paper is considered an 'ad' and must be paid for.

Annual Picnic

This totally fell of the radar in 2011! Historic Society wants to hold one so we'll do a joint one this year. No speakers, low key...simple get together. Was originally

scheduled for 9/9...but a couple of our members could not make it on the 9th, John is going to see if it can be the 16th. Gary Groth asked that we call office and put it down as an event. Midge informed everyone that this would cost \$75. Gary was thinking we had lots of attendees..when we explained it was more like a dozen, he said we would not have to pay. Midge did suggest to John though that he make sure the park is not already booked for an even on that date! (the equestrian area is booked for a poker ride on the 16th which is what clued Midge that maybe we'd best double check).

Day Use Signs

Now that the summer season is drawing to a close, Gary can see what he can do about mounting the day use signs we'd like made. He said that we should go ahead and get them made up (Leslye and Midge working this issue) and he'll work on the mounting. As the trust has given them some money, he's thinking we might be able to do something nice (Midge mentioned the dairy barn was a key one to be sure was mounted really nicely...others could always be mounted on buildings). Midge stopped by Creative Images on way home to firm up some costs and to be sure they are still agreeable to us getting metal back done elsewhere...everyone is on vacation..will have to do later next week.

Day Use Kiosk – Trees

Deb suggested that we think about planting some trees next to the day use kiosk...Gary Groth recommended white oak. Probably not the time to plant trees, but maybe in late winter? A bench would be nice there, too. Need some shade first ☺.

EVENT DATES

September 16, 2012 Joint picnic at Day Use area for Historical Society and Friends of Mildred Kanipe Members

September 17, 2012 Adopt-A-Highway Clean up

NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting will be on **September 28, 2012** at Lane House Annex at 10 a.m..

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.