



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 10, 2013 in the Lane House Annex. Present were board members John Robertson, Midge McGinnis, Steve Kennerly, Deb Gray (WELCOME BACK!) and Leslye Wing. Debbie Levings and Karen Roberson were unable to attend. One guest from Native Plant Society, M.A. Hanson.

AGENDA ITEMS

Earth Day Report Out

Celia and Mike were unable to attend board meeting, but Celia had emailed us a report right after the affair. (PDF copy of email attached).

Mildred's Trail Dash

Leslye brought glossy flyers for us to take and post around the county. Everyone encouraged to obtain sponsors and/or donations. We will have the Silent Auction (if we have enough items). All that has to happen this month is to bring in the sponsors and donations. Next month more activity is expected. So far only one PayPal registration...but it is early...Midge is just getting 'antsy' wanting to see some more come in ☺.

Kinsman Grant

Steve has found out the deadline for submitting to Kinsman...not till August. Could submit earlier, but he is hoping that if we get the C. Giles Hunt grant he could include that in the documentation going to Kinsman, which will be to our benefit. Should hear on C. Giles Hunt before end of May.

Donation/Purchase of Farm Equipment

Steve has been checking out information about period appropriate farm equipment. He also found the ad from auction of Mildred Kanipe's belongings. The auctioneer is still in business. Additionally, he has been checking out prices of equipment. Feeling is that if the park is to be a working ranch...then you need some working equipment there.

Consensus of group present is that finding DONATED equipment would be wonderful and even better if we could actually obtain some of the original equipment back via donation. We've given Steve the go ahead to check out donations. Leslye will bring up the idea of purchasing equipment up at the next Planning Committee, but we all felt spending the trust funds for equipment falls down the list from the building restoration/preserving and maintenance of what we currently have.

Environmental Education Initiative

Steve had received an email regarding the Environmental Education Initiative and thought it would be great if someone one from our group attended meetings. Celia Scott is on the email distribution, but do not know if she is actively involved. However, our guest – MA Hanson, is ACTIVELY involved in this group! They are hoping to get groups of school age students involved in environmental issues and have some grants in the works to assist them. We encouraged her to suggest the park as a site whenever feasible. She asked some questions about the school house and seemed pleasantly surprised that not only was it still standing but it is being restored. We advised her that currently no one could enter the building, but that is our long term goal.

MISCELLANEOUS

Bio-Char

MA Hanson is involved with that and they are still hoping to get something going at the park

Logging

Leslye mentioned that at the last Planning Committee meeting it was suggested that the county take 10 acres and show us what they can do with sustainable timber management. We all looked at the park map and a timber cruise map that Steve had. We agreed on an area that currently has no trails in it and the current 'road' borders it. Leslye will present our findings at the next Planning Committee meeting.

Interior School House Painting

Midge had thought that once the windows and roof were done, we could use volunteers to start the interior work...wrong. Seems there is lead in the old paint and that is why we need to use professionals to clean it up and paint it and why it is very expensive.

Windows

Midge was asked if we had any additional status on windows. All she knows is that Amy McAuley has promised them back by end of May. Midge has spoken to Debbie Levings and requested that she please help out with this when the windows come back! (not

physically putting them, obviously, but organizing the actual date and any festivities around it.) Debbie seemed to be agreeable.

EVENT DATES

May 13, 2013 – Next Planning Committee Meeting (anyone can go as a ‘spectator’, but only committee members can participate).

June 7, 2013 – Next Board Meeting

July 13, 2013 – Mildred’s Trail Dash

July 22, 2013 – Adopt A Highway – 9 a.m.

September 8, 2013 – Annual Picnic (Joint with Historical Society)

October 28, 2013 – Adopt A Highway – 9 a.m.

NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting will be on **June 7, 2013** at Lane House Annex at 10 a.m..

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 noon